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Fresh Fashions

KensieGirl ; a third of the Canadian brand trifecta including Mac and Jack and Kensie carries so much more than fashion symbolism but rather a feeling of family affairs. KensieGirl was started in 2004 by husband and wife team Eric & Lani Karls. The duo are owners and CEO's while Lani is the current designer for KensieGirl; a brand named after their daughter. The KensieGirl brand is quality and affordable fashions with everything from handbags, shoes, sunglasses and denim. The brand captures the essence of purity and the beauty of being a girl.

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By Stefanie Burger

Staff protest cuts with no bargaining

BY ANTHONY JAMES | Sr. News Reporter

In yesterdays misty weather, approximately 30 employees marched with the Public School Employees of Central Washington University asking the administration for the right to bargain the pending budget cuts.

Union officials said they have twice offered alternate proposals to President James Gaudino's plan of permanently eliminating 10-15 classified and exempt positions and cutting hours for 175 others.

"The university has a legal obligation to bargain with us and they have not done so," said PSE President Angie Wedekind. "We went to the table attempting to bargain and they acted shocked."

Stacey Navarre, a PSE field representative, said the union has formally requested to bargain collectively.

Two proposals offered by PSE include cutting 2.5 days a year for all of the more than 800 civil service employees and 9.26 days for the 150 PSE employees. Wedekind said administrators rejected both proposals and the second was rejected within an hour.

Wedekind said she believes classified employees are being unfairly targeted.

"In the speech three weeks ago, President Gaudino made it clear he was making cuts from the bottom up and that proved to be true," Wedekind said.

The march happened an hour before Gaudino was scheduled to present his second budget forum at the Student Union and Recreation Center theater.

Beginning at the SURC east patio, protesters moved through the SURC during the height of the lunch hour with chants and colorful picket signs. A few passersby offered a thumbs up.

A few faculty and exempt employees came to support the employees.

"It's too bad that they've made the cuts permanent," said Bob Hickey, president of United Faculty of Central Washington University. "It seems very odd that the administration has been unwilling to bargain the impacts."

Protesters marched to University Way, through Barge and Mitchell halls then to the steps of Bouillon Hall before returning to the SURC.

Gaudino said Monday he did not have a final list of those who have been laid off or lost hours, but many have been notified (see accompanying table).

Leslee Caul, who just received her 15-year anniversary pin in April, was notified Friday at 4 p.m. that her position as director of marketing and development in the Theatre Arts department had been eliminated. Her last day will be June 30, the last day of the 2010 fiscal year.

"It's not just my job," Caul said. "It's my family, my home, my life."

Caul said she thought she might receive some furlough days, but Friday's notice was "really the first indication that anything was going on at all with my position."

Caul said she spent the weekend in shock.

"I don't know if the administration could have scripted a worse scenario," she said. "We're not just line items on a budget. We're people that have given our lives and careers to Central."

Caul said her options for staying at Central and in Ellensburg were "very limited," but she said she's grateful for her time at the university.

"Central Washington University can't take anything away from me that really matters," Caul said. "I'm grateful to work with so many talented and kind people over the years."



BRIAN IIYAMA

HEY HEY, HO HOI Approximately 30 people marched along the Walnut Mall yesterday in protest of President Gaudino's plan to cut 10 to 15 exempt and classified staff chanting "Hey hey, ho ho, permanent cuts have got to go!"

Confirmed cuts

Last week, The Observer filed a public records request for the complete list of the 10 to 15 university employees who were laid off and the 175 who received reduced hours as a result of the university's budget crisis. We were informed that the list would not be available until June 14.

However, The Observer has confirmed the names of four employees who have been laid off thus far.

Name	Position	Salaries*
Leslee Caul	Director of Marketing and Development for Central Theatre Ensemble and Theatre Arts Department	\$47,016
Judy Johnson	Financial specialist for the College of the Sciences	\$18,810
Jon Rankin	Safety Professional III/ Ergonomist	\$60,120
Becky Watson	Director of University Relations/Public Relations and Marketing	\$97,564

*As of April 25, 2010 payroll

BOD election results in
Narrow races elect Munoz, Burger to ASCWU positions

BY LINDSY WHEADON | Staff Reporter

PRELIMINARY ELECTION RESULTS

President:

Gabriel Munoz	50.2%	561 votes
Megan Hammond	49.8%	556 votes

Executive Vice President:

Chris Goehner	100.0%	1,012 votes
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Vice President for Clubs & Organizations:

Trevor Bevier	100.0%	1,005 votes
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Vice President for Academic Affairs:

Paul Staybeck	100.0%	962 votes
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Vice President for Equity & Community Services:

Stefanie Burger	51.1%	551 votes
Zeke Hill	48.9%	527 votes

Vice President for Student Life & Facilities:

Steven Ross	70.3%	761 votes
Ethan Estalilla	29.7%	322 votes

Vice President for Political Affairs:

Rebekah Schoonover	100.0%	988 votes
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FAWN FLOYD

This year's student body elections are officially over, with all positions filled for the upcoming year. However, the race for one leading position was determined by just a handful of students.

Out of roughly 1,100 voters, there was only a five vote differential between candidates Gabriel Munoz and Megan Hammond in their run for Central student body president.

According to newly elected President Gabriel Munoz, being elected was made possible by his loyal voters.

"It was a close race but thank God people got out there and voted," Munoz said.

While each candidate had the ability to request a recount, neither Munoz nor Hammond challenged the result. According to election director Laura Gray, the election board assured that all votes were counted accurately.

"We actually did a few counts [for the presidential election] because it was so narrow in votes," Gray said. "A five vote difference is very close and it means that a lot of students were very intent and focused with their votes."

Another close election result was between elected Vice President for Equity and Community Services Stefanie Burger and opponent, Zeke Hill. Burger received 551 votes, only 24 more than Hill.

"I think [the votes] say a lot of my opponent and how qualified we both were for the position," Burger said. "We're both

great candidates and I'm really proud that I'm the one the students chose."

As every candidate must go through the trials of campaigning and the entirety of an election, being elected makes the process worthwhile.

"It means a lot less headaches and a lot more sleep now that the election is over," Burger said. "Having that portion of it over is a relief to say the least."

Although the election is over, the duties as a member of the student body government have just begun.

"I was thinking that I'd feel less stressed but now I'm running a different kind of race," Munoz said. "It's important for me not to fall behind on my duties."

According to Gray, student involvement in the election was down about 5,000 voters from last year due to the difference of referendums on the ballot. Higher student involvement in last year's election likely arose because of the athletic department student fee increase on the referendum. Yet, there were no eminent referendums this year.

"There were only minor constitutional changes under referendums this year," Gray said.

Even with the decrease of voters, Gray believes the overall election was a success.

"There are always up and downs with any elections, but this year we had a great election," Gray said. "The candidates did well and I'm excited with the turnout."

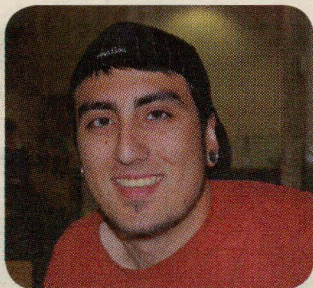
Is Central doing enough to promote diversity awareness?

BY NAOMI NEWELL | Staff Reporter



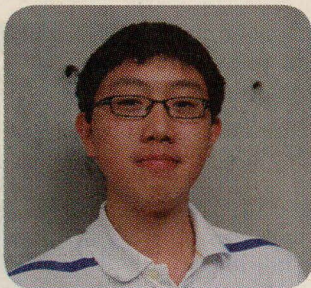
"I think the campus has a lot of clubs and programs that speak to different types of people with various backgrounds, ethnicities and lifestyles."

Jennifer Brumbaugh
Senior
Math Education Major



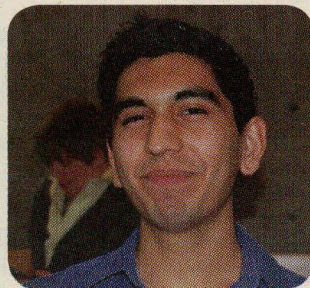
"I'm a transfer student, so I haven't seen much done for diversity awareness. But then again, I haven't seen many issues having to do with race."

Aleks Kimball
Sophomore
Political Science Major



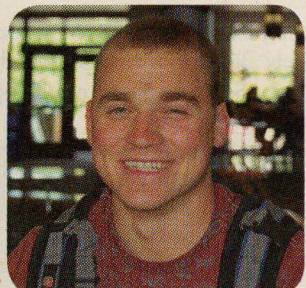
"Yes, I think it's diverse enough. You see posters up all the time, that's the main way. But just the sheer attendance of people from different backgrounds shows the campus diversity."

Gabriel Feng
Freshman
Chemistry Major



"I sometimes see multi-cultural events. Where I live in Meisner there's always stuff going on."

Erik Contrevas
Freshman
Biology Major



"I don't know much about what they're doing. As far as I can tell there seems to be stuff going on with students from other countries. The exchange student program seems really big."

Zachary Vanzanten
Junior
Exercise Science

Inclusiveness Initiative

Survey reveals most feel welcome, some questions still remain

BY KELLY REQUA & ANTHONY JAMES | Staff Reporter & Sr. News Reporter

Central Washington University's Inclusiveness Initiative was recently released and the results have found that 30 percent of all respondents and 40 percent of faculty and staff report having witnessed or experienced discrimination.

The survey also found that 42 percent of graduate students of color report they are singled out in class because of identity; 19 percent of undergraduate students of color reported the same.

More research, possibly including focus groups and more surveys, will be needed to clarify parts of the survey, according to Staci Sleigh-Layman, director of the Office for Equal Opportunity.

"There's as much concern about digging deeper into these questions to see what they really mean," Sleigh-Layman said.

In the near future, President James Gaudino said the university will launch a website with information for students, faculty and staff about where to go to report an act of discrimination or harassment.

Less than half of all students said they knew where to find information related to discrimination and harassment policies or how to report incidents.

"Right now all the information is out there and it must be a hassle for students to find, so we need to put all the information in one particular location for ease of access," Sleigh-Layman said.

Officials said the results are a cause for concern, but

Results of Inclusiveness Initiative

- Strong consensus that most enjoy being at CWU and feel welcome.
- 30% of CWU community & 40% of faculty & staff report having witnessed discrimination based on someone's identity.
- 37% of civil services employees of color would feel comfortable reporting an act of discrimination versus 68% of white civil service employees.
- 19% of undergraduates of color reported being singled out because of their identity in the last 5 years versus 12% of white students.
- Less than 50% of all students know where to find information related to discrimination and harassment policies & reporting procedures.
- More than 1/3 of civil service staff responded that there is too much emphasis placed on diversity.

FAWN FLOYD

many of the responses were not surprising.

"This says the [issue] is larger than I had hoped for," Gaudino said.

The Inclusiveness Initiative was completed by 2,010 people during winter quarter. The survey asked questions regarding how respondents felt about Central and if an act of discrimination has been seen on campus.

Of the responses, 68 percent were from students, representing 12 percent of the total student body. Sleigh-Layman said the turnout was better than expected.

"We have a strong consensus that most enjoy being at CWU and that most feel welcome, and that's the important part," Sleigh-Layman said.

Sleigh-Layman explained that the next step is to figure out what kind of community students want, and what will happen if our current community changes.

"We don't have that diverse a campus and yet there's a strong consensus that everyone feels comfortable here," Sleigh-Layman said. "Well what happens if we diversify the campus further, will they still feel comfortable? That's the question now."

Officials believe that to make the campus a better learning environment there has to be diversity and people from all walks of life.

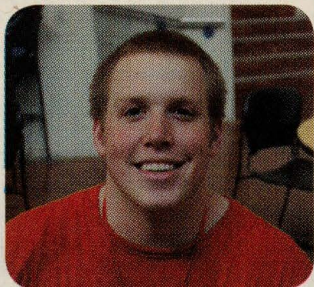
"The reason you come to a university is to be exposed to ideas," Gaudino said. "Learning from each other is great. That's part of going to college."

More than a third of civil service staff responded that there is too much emphasis placed on diversity.

"We need to make sure everybody knows that this is a problem and we're doing something about it," Gaudino said. "The inclusiveness and diversity is non-discretionary. It's going to happen."

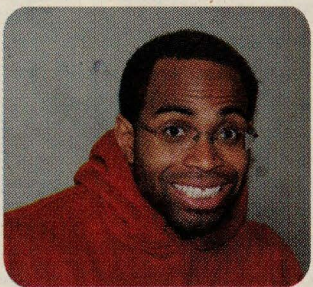
Do you think Central is diverse?

BY NAOMI NEWELL | Staff Reporter



"No, I grew up in an extremely diverse area. My elementary school was 42 percent Native American. I feel that it's simply not diverse enough. That's a fact."

Fletcher Pierce
Junior
Elementary Ed. Major



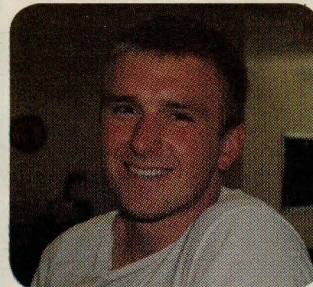
"We have foreign exchange students. When you look around the room you see different nationalities."

Lionel Orji
Senior
Exercise Science Major



"I see a lot of diversity. I think it's cool because I came from a little town in Washington that was 99 percent white. It's nice to see how everyone accepts each other."

Kait Hanson
Freshman
Accounting Major



"I wouldn't know because if I knew all of the percentages of all the different minorities compared to the U.S. as a whole, it wouldn't match up. But I think it represents Washington State."

Derek Parsons
Junior
Business Major



"I think so, they have a diversity center that is always putting on events."

Blanca Ramos
Freshman
Communications Major

Diversity Education Center advocates acceptance

BY JESSICA WEISZ | Staff Reporter

Attending a four-year university is an experience that goes far beyond a formal education. For most students it is a time to experience cultures and perspectives other than their own, and for some to develop new ideas of acceptance.

For one student, entering college was a life-changing experience. Starting as an individual unsure of his own culture, sexuality and identity, the Diversity Education Center (DEC) helped transform them into an educated, confident person who has embraced his own being.

"I was going through that process of figuring out who I was, but didn't feel like I was being socially accepted," said student programmer Vincent Ruiz, senior law and justice major. "I was going through an identity crisis."

As an underclassman, Ruiz faced personal conflict between his culture, religion and sexual orientation. But in the past four years he has developed a strong connection to the DEC, calling it his "home away from home."

"This is the one place [students] can come if you don't feel safe on this campus," Ruiz said.

As a student programmer, Ruiz and 11 other students aid in the planning and execution of events such as the Naked Truth on Stereotypes, Parade of Nations and Transgender Remembrance Day.

"Diversity to us means inclusion of all differences on this campus," said Marian Lien, interim director for the center. "We believe that the best way to teach diversity is to have [students] experience diversity."

According to Lien, the Diversity Education Center differs from other university multicultural centers. The model has received criticism, but both Lien and Assistant Director Leah Shelton feel that the DEC has the capability to address issues that every student may face.

"We really exist here to advocate for all students on this campus," Shelton said.

The center acts as an advisor to all students and provides diversity education resources to students on campus through events, co-curricular activities within classrooms, and partnerships with student clubs and organizations.

According to Lien, academic departments that utilize the center include Native American Studies, Africana and Black Studies, Asia Pacific Studies, International Studies and Women Studies, among others.

The center works regularly with all student life centers and this year has also worked with the president's office,



CHANDA JOHNSON

DIVERSITY EDUCATION Shawn Gatlabayan on the right describes a project as Marian Lien and Emy Sequihod listen.

the Wellness Center and Chef KC. One DEC goal is to establish at least one new relationship each year with a unit, department or center that they have not worked with previously.

"We develop programs and present them in a way that best suits Central and the DEC," said Jeremy Higuchi, junior graphic design major and student programmer. "It's really up to the students and community members on how they take it."

According to Higuchi, college should offer opportunities beyond what is available in high school; it should allow students to experience the world outside of television, a service he feels the DEC provides.

Beyond exposure to diverse perspectives while in school, the center aims to prepare students for success in real life situations. The DEC provides students with the ability to adapt and be flexible in unfamiliar environments by encouraging a specific skill set that includes sensitivity, critical listening and the ability to act with all available information, Lien said.

"My hope is that we get to a point in our experience here at Central that we learn to respect and appreciate all of our differences, not simply tolerate," Lien said. "Are we there yet? No. I would say that the day we are there and that I am out of a job, then I've succeeded."

The Diversity Education Center has one more event planned for the year. Partnered with the club EQuAl, formerly GALA - GLBTSA, Pride Week will occur during the first week of June. The event includes amateur and professional drag shows, as well as Queer 101, which includes a series of workshops and Ally Awards Prom Ceremony.

Any students interested in the services offered by the Diversity Education Center are encouraged to stop by in SURC 253.

"We always encourage students to just come by and hang out ... this is a student center," Shelton said. "We want to always make sure students know they're welcome."

Five Minutes With... Marian Lien - Interim Director of the Diversity Education Center

BY BONNIE DAVIDSON | Staff Reporter



also has a medical background. Lien has worked abroad visiting approximately 25 countries worldwide.

Q: What is the main goal of the diversity center?

A: Our hope is to teach a skill set to all students that increases and strengthens your cultural competency, and the reason we do that is because in your understanding of cross cultural communications you will be able to successfully navigate the global landscape. In that way, we truly believe that the Diversity Education Center, which is a different model than your traditional multi-cultural center, is we want everyone to understand that diversity education center is for all students.

Q: What events are coming up in the diversity center?

A: In a year's time we put on around 45-50 events. Our 12 student employ-

ees and three volunteers and interns are pretty busy, but we are at the tail end of the year. Right now we are looking more to Pride Week. So it's a collaboration with other student organizations on campus and it's a signature program where we really highlight and celebrate our LGBT community. It starts on June 1 through the 4. This year, the highlight [is] the professional drag show, which is always anticipated [and] will give the week a big punch for the start.

Q: How do you think the diversity center can promote diversity on campus?

A: Diversity to me now becomes what means inclusion. Where all these groups existed on the fringes or marginalized status, my hope is that this center here, this unit here on campus, helps promote the understanding of a more united existence.

Q: Do you feel we have a diverse campus?

A: I think we have good diversity, [but] the problem is acknowledging that diversity. If I could rephrase that question, because my definition of diversity is that we are all pieces of this big pie. We are all diverse in our backgrounds. I would say the diversity is here, but we have trouble

acknowledging, respecting [and] appreciating that diversity.

Q: What does diversity really mean to you?

A: Diversity used to be linked to multicultural centers. It was the idea that we needed to give more emphasis to students of color and faculty of color, and then it evolved to any marginalized or under-represented groups. There absolutely is a need to make sure that these groups get acknowledged. I think that we are on a path to an evolution of that, and the president and administration would agree, where diversity is now a place where we are including everyone in that dialogue. The next question will be where diversity can be defined as the totality of us, the different characteristics that allow us to be our own unique selves.

Q: How do students get involved with the diversity center?

A: How I ended up with 12 students and three interns and volunteers is that anyone and everyone is welcome to help us with the 50 plus programs and we are even available to customize an internship with you. You can be a volunteer or an intern, so a formalized internship agreement can be had. You can come in and take a look at your schedule and say you

know, I'm really interested in the topic of critical race theory. We have everything from residence hall programs where we go into dorms and put on a program where we have anywhere from seven to 30 students be part of a programming team. There is employment opportunity. If you want a variety, a diverse experience in your student life, we have paid or volunteer options and you can be choosy about what programs you want to do.

Q: What impact has the diversity center made on you?

A: Oh my gosh, it's been life transforming. I thought I knew this stuff coming in, and I knew nothing. This center, as my family would say, is now in my blood. What it has done, it has invigorated me. It actually has given me new optimism. Being able to work with your generation has allowed me to see renewed possibility against a mountain top. I didn't know if I would see it in my lifetime, I think so, I can see the view. The student leaders from your generation are just so amazing. Some of you have so much passion for the social change that I feel good leaving it in your hands. In a way you go into this profession thinking you are teaching, but I am learning everyday from all of you. I am humbled every time I come into contact with one of you.

Samuelson Communication and Technology Center

BY PETE LOS | Staff Reporter

For four years Samuelson Union Building has stood vacant and ghostly in the center of campus, collecting dust and prompting a question: What is its future?

The current goal of facilities management is to consolidate student services so they are more conveniently accessible to students on campus. Samuelson's availability presented a solution. Over the next five years, students can expect to watch Samuelson undergo a major makeover as it transforms into the new home of the Department of Communications, the Information Technology Services (ITS) and Multimedia Technology and Instructional Support (MTIS).

"We have an overall campus master plan that kind of looks ahead for all the new projects and anything that's going on on campus," said Bill Yarwood, director of facilities planning and construction for facilities management. "And there's a lot that's kind of in the planning stages."

In 2007 the Facilities Management Department conducted a study to look at the south neighborhood area of campus to develop a more centralized service center for students and to look at the future of Samuelson, Yarwood said.

If everything goes as planned, design and renovations for the north wing will begin in 2011. What was originally a small bowling alley will become the main campus data center as well as a larger, new home for ITS, equip with a generator backup system in case of power outages. Work on the south wing is planned to begin in 2013, however, it will need to be destructed and rebuilt to house MTIS along with the Department of Communications. According to Yarwood, Samuelson has been added on to seven times and the structure of the current south wing has become too unstable over time for mere renovations.

"When you take a look at Samuelson, you just can't take a look at just Samuelson," said Barry Caruthers, associate manager of capital projects for facilities management. "You need to look at what's going on across campus because Samuelson will support all these other buildings."

During the preliminary drawing stages, an architect

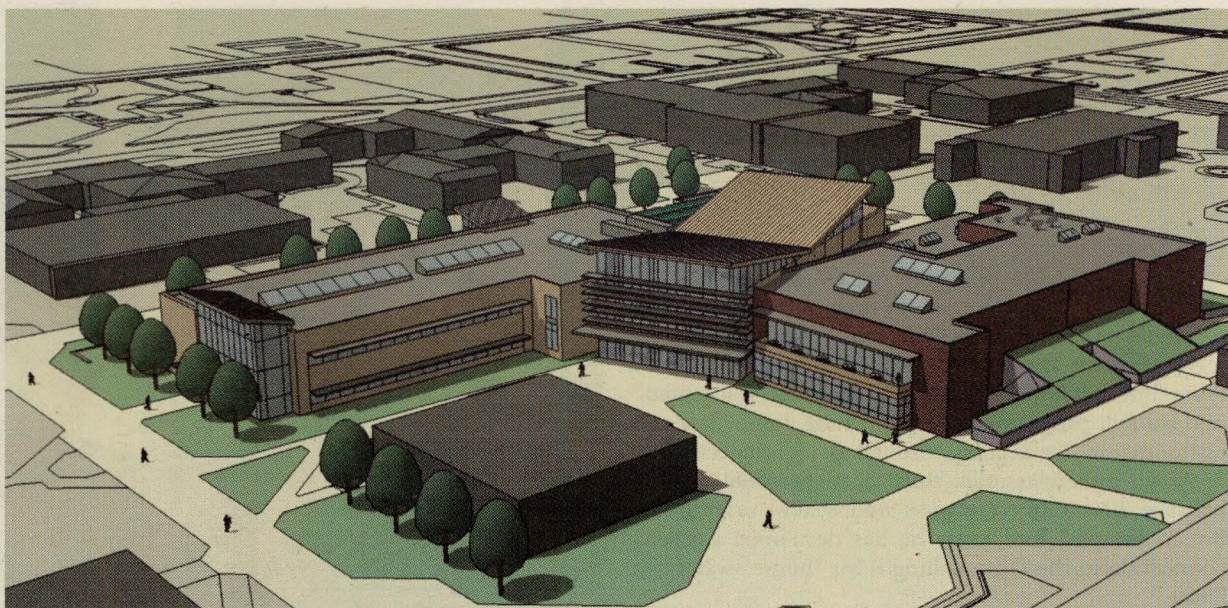


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SAMUELSON OVERHAUL This architect's rendering depicts the design of the new Samuelson Communication & Technology Center, formerly the Samuelson Union Building. The revamped center is slated to be completed by 2015.

was hired to do a feasibility study on what the department plans to do with Samuelson. Part of the building's new design will focus on student access with help desks and computer labs since it will be right in the center of campus.

"This has the cyber hut and the students will be able to use this because it's like and open computer café," Caruthers said. "It makes sense to do it that way."

A committee of representatives from each department that will be moving into Samuelson has been formed to meet with facilities management to determine how divide the

space and share the building.

"The purpose of the committee is to figure out what the configuration of the building will be like," said Phil Backlund, professor of communications. "Do some design work; decide what the classrooms are going to

look like."

Before the project can begin, facilities management has to submit a proposal to Central that describes the history of the project and explains how it fits into the future goals and master plan of the university.

The committee will be meeting with facilities management on June 7 to review the proposal before it is submitted to the university for review.

"We're currently in the process of developing this request to actually pay for this," Yarwood said "Then if we get approval for it we can move forward."

Yarwood expects the proposal to be reviewed by the CWU cabinet, President James Gaudino and the board of trustees by this summer.

"If everybody gives a green light for it, then we'll go to the state and request money, see what happens," Yarwood said.

If the plan is approved by the university, the information gathered by the Facilities Management Department regarding the Samuelson project will be compiled and included in the capital budget request this August for the 2011 budget.

PHASE 1

2011-2013: Request for design and renovation of north wing

PHASE 2

2013-2015: Request for construction of south wing

United Faculty of Central lawsuit dismissed in court

BY KELLY REQUA | Staff Reporter

A class-action lawsuit filed by the United Faculty of Central (UFC) against Central Washington University was recently dismissed by a court judge, shelving the disagreement between the UFC and university administration on the compensation of banked hours.

The lawsuit was filed by the UFC in fall 2007 in an attempt to receive compensation for banked hours many faculty had collected by performing additional duties such as advising graduate students. The use of banked hours was discontinued in 2006 when the university switched from the faculty code to the first collective bargaining agreement (CBA), leaving many faculty with banked hours they had not used.

According to court documents, the lawsuit was dismissed because the UFC failed to use all forms of appeals processes on campus, banked hours were never convertible to wages and both parties had agreed to eliminate the use and recognition of banked hour when the CBA was signed.

Bob Hickey, geography professor and president of the UFC and a signer of the lawsuit, said he believed the new CBA neglected to acknowledge banked hours, which the UFC estimated affected over 100 faculty members.

"When we bargained the new contract, faculty are now paid up front for working with students," Hickey said. "What happened was that chunk of time that faculty had earned but not used - we'd lost it."

University officials explained that when the UFC and the university signed the new CBA, it negated the contents of the old faculty code - eliminating the use and concept of banked hours. Under the new CBA, faculty are now assigned time for advising graduate students as part of their workload.

Professor Steve Hackenberger, former chief steward of the union, explains how banked hours worked in the old faculty code.

"Before we had collective bargaining, faculty would volunteer to teach extra classes or take on extra graduate students with the idea that some time in the next two or three years they could get a little time back for research or public service," Hackenberger said.

Banked hours were used so that faculty could be flexible with their workloads, giving them the ability to direct attention towards students or department duties when needed.

"In some cases faculty were donating or volunteering hours beyond the expectations for any one quarter, so in some cases faculty lost real hours and real work that they were donating or volunteering," Hackenberger said.

The UFC filed a complaint with the university in fall 2007, but the adminis-

tration dropped it because the UFC failed to complete the complaint process within the set time frame.

"There are specific timelines for completing complaints and they didn't act within that timeframe," said Dennis Defa, vice president of faculty relations. "They could have filed another complaint, but they didn't."

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STEVE HACKENBERGER
Former Chief Steward of the United Faculty Union

Instead, the UFC chose to assemble a list of banked hours from faculty members and filed a lawsuit against the university. The lawsuit was ultimately dismissed because the UFC failed to complete the complaint process before moving to judicial relief.

Professor David Shorr, chair of the education department in 2007, had faculty members from his department represented by the lawsuit and was disappointed that neither side could come to an agreement in or out of court.

"In the end it would have been just as easy and made everybody very happy if the administration had said 'Well we're not going to pay [for banked hours] but why don't you, over a couple of years, let these persons reduce their workloads a little bit,'" Shorr said. "We wouldn't have missed a beat and it would have built a lot of good will between faculty and admin-

istration."

When the lawsuit was dismissed, Hackenberger admits that he wasn't very surprised, stating that it's hard to be very sympathetic towards university state employees. However, he still believes filing the lawsuit was the right thing to do.

"It's been an important point to make to the university and the administration about what our rights are in what happens when expectations about our work conditions are changed unilaterally," Hackenberger said.

According to Wayne Quirk, provost and head of academic affairs, the new CBA has gained flexibility with workloads as faculty and administration have come to understand it better over the last few years. However, with recent budget cuts and high student enrollment, teachers will be needed more in the classroom.

"The economic reality in these last few years is that we really have less flexibility in this plan because we need to have our faculty in the classes more than ever right now," Quirk said.

Although the issue has been settled in court, Hackenberger cautions that faculty still need to be careful when planning their workloads or agreeing to volunteer extra time with students.

"We still are promising and going beyond our contracts and working in different areas that maybe some administration wouldn't direct us to do," Hackenberger said. "So we still have to be really careful about the way we plan our workloads."

Career Services help students gear up for internships

BY BONNIE DAVIDSON | Staff Reporter

At one time or another most students need to think about internships and how they can beat out competition to get that slot being offered. Whether it's paid or unpaid, there are things students can do to improve their chances such as dressing for success, learning interview skills, joining clubs or volunteering.

Randy Williamson, the associate director of the Career Services Center, said that volunteering and getting involved in clubs and organizations not only looks good on a resume, but also gives you some great connections to use for networking later.

"People volunteer because they want to, and that's a big thing," Williamson said. "So, when I see people who have been to school, they've held jobs, and now they are even volunteering their time and it's a choice you made to do, that shows a lot of initiative."

The Civic Engagement Center (CEC) on campus is one of the best resources to find volunteer opportunities. They offer a variety of positions from several different sources to help match students to their major. They also have all the contacts necessary to make it easier to find places to volunteer.

Katie Johnson, coordinator of Student Educators Providing Services (STEPS) who is also an elementary education major, spends time coordinating volunteers for the local schools. She said she enjoys seeing firsthand what the education majors are doing with local teachers and seeing students meet their goals and gain experience. Johnson also sees many of the other benefits for students volunteering on other projects in the CEC.

"I get to see volunteers do environmental stewardships, I get to see volunteers working in the schools, I get to see volunteers working at blood drives, I get to see volunteers of all different kinds of capacities and all sorts of different departments," Johnson said. "I really think they are gaining a lot of professional skills. They're gaining a lot of personality skills; learning how to work in diverse teams, learning how to be flexible, be organized, be on time."

Johnson also spoke a little on how the local American Red Cross takes volunteers and how that could later turn into an internship.

"Just by helping out one day at a blood drive you could have a really good foot in the door to be able to do a lot

of other things in a public health major," Johnson said.

Kara Smith, senior public relations major, is currently doing her internship through the CEC as the public relations coordinator. Smith was referred by a friend to acquire her internship. She said she was lucky to have good references and that not many people applied. Smith also gets to see volunteers gaining experience, and she is now in a position where she can volunteer while doing her internship.

"I wanted to get involved in volunteering and now I get to be involved in both my internship and here," Smith said.

Williamson mentioned volunteering is a great way to gain benefits and experience and it's something that can help you stand out.

"Not only do you get experience but you can give something back to your community, and employers are really interested in seeing that. Volunteering, whether it's a week, or a day or even a few hours, I think it's one of those things that people don't really pay enough attention to and they need to get involved in," Williamson said.

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Amanda,
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Yes and no. When a female is on a hormonal birth control regimen and chooses to stop in order to conceive a baby, she may experience temporary infertility. It can take a while for your body to get into the natural swing of things after getting off this type of birth control. On average it takes about two or three months for your body to adjust to natural hormones again.

However, it could take up to a year for your body to make these adjustments. One of the reasons may be the type of birth control you use. With an oral contraceptive, AKA the pill, one generally tends to be infertile around two or three months after discontinued use. Women who used the Depo-Provera shot and quit remained

infertile anywhere from six to 18 months according to one pregnancy website.

We all know that when used consistently and correctly (taken the same time each day), hormonal birth control is 99% effective at preventing pregnancies, but NOT STI's (however, condoms do work great at preventing both). Did you know that STI's are the leading cause of infertility? It's true; Gonorrhea and Chlamydia cause infertility in both women and men while HPV (human papilloma virus) causes damage to the cervix.

So I would suggest not only using a hormonal birth control method but also a condom to protect against unintended pregnancies as well as STI's. Remember, abstinence is the only 100% way to prevent unintended pregnancies and STIs so if you're super concerned you could always hold off on having sex.

-Amanda

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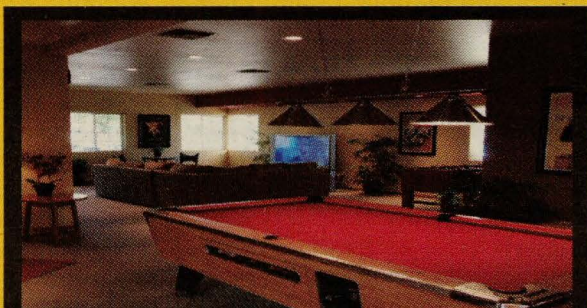
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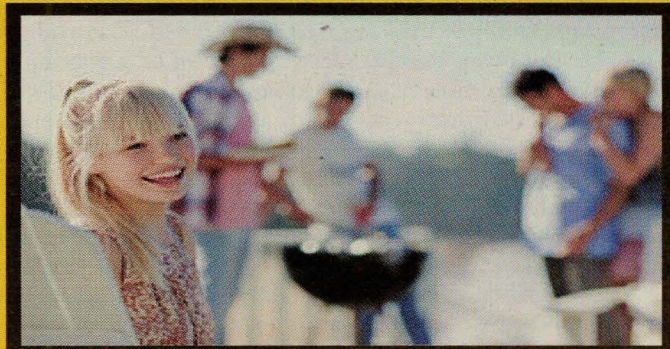
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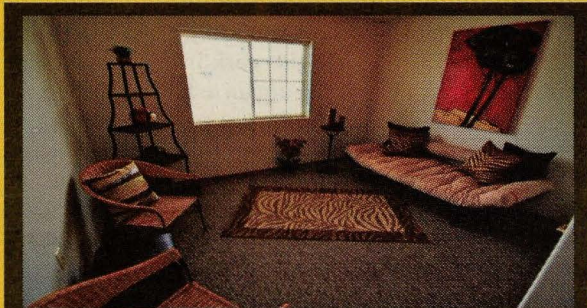


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Editor's
NOTE:

CWU staff deserves bargaining before layoffs, not being blindsided

BY DARCY WYTKO | Editor-in-Chief

Leslee Caul is losing her job, and she may lose her home.

In an e-mail, she said that on April 27 administration representatives smiled and shook her hand as they honored her with a certificate and pin in recognition of her 15 years of service to Central Washington University.

On Friday she was notified that her position as director for marketing and development for the theater department would be eliminated effective June 30.

Leslee constitutes a single income household. She says that with no other job options here in Ellensburg, she is losing her home.

She encouraged other staff to attend the staff layoff protest yesterday, saying "Don't go to this rally for me. Go for yourselves. And never believe that you are the 'safe' ones."

Leslee is not alone. A handful of employees have confirmed that they have either been laid off or that their hours are being cut.

It's easy to watch the evening news or pick up a

paper and read headlines about nationwide unemployment rates, job cuts and the budget crisis. It's hard to remember that behind every single one of those numbers is a person.

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I spoke with Angela Wedekind, the CWU chapter president of the Public School Employees of Washington, on the phone yesterday. She said the chapter has roughly 150 members, many of whom are in secretarial positions.

Wedekind mentioned several secretaries who

were laid off, including a single mother of three.

Wedekind said the actions the administration has taken aren't fair.

"Our voices have not been heard," Wedekind said. "We offered the college a reasonable solution, but they wouldn't bargain with us."

According to Wedekind, the group was scheduled to attend a bargaining session with Human Resources last Tuesday. They were planning to propose that everyone take smaller furloughs so that no one would have to lose their jobs. Yet when they arrived, they were told that there would be no bargaining. The layoffs were happening.

"The cuts should have been fair," Wedekind said. "The college hasn't presented us a plan."

The least the university administration could do is have the decency to bargain with its employees. Employees who have served the university for decades, like Leslee, deserve better.

Darcy Wytko

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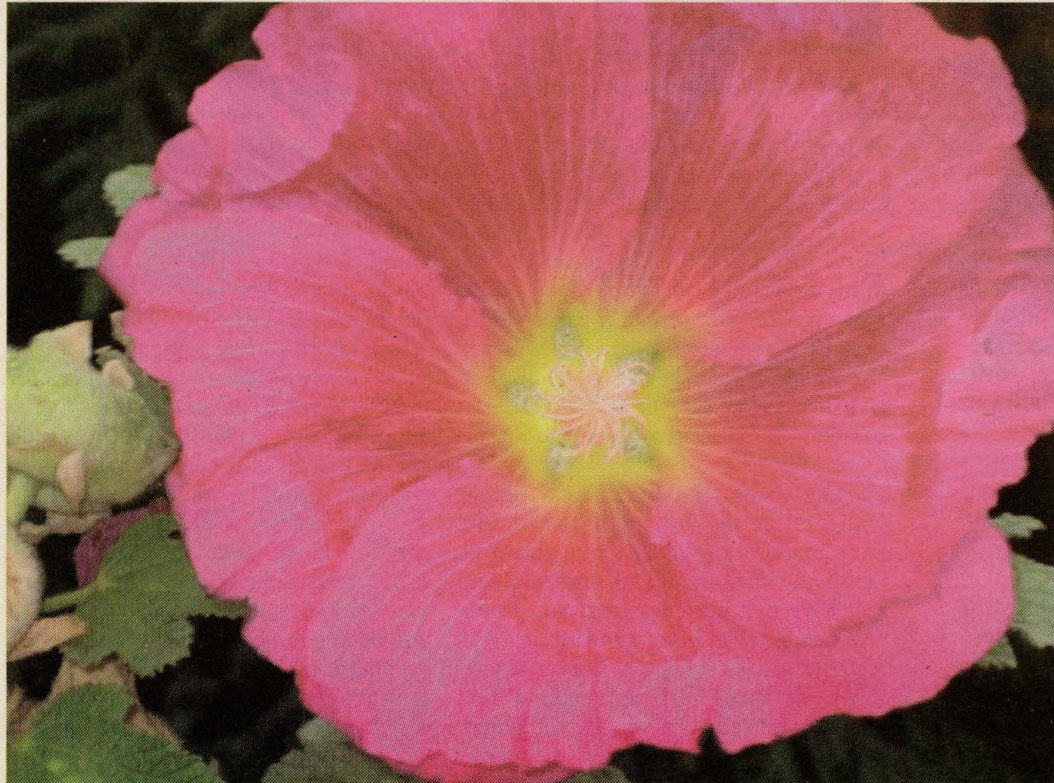
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VISUAL STIMULATION "Details create the big picture." -Sanford I. Weill

Dear Editor,

I was a bit disturbed at the beginning of the luau to see the whole roasted pig at the entrance; being an American who leans toward vegetarianism I don't like to be reminded that we're eating dead animals. However, I could accept this because I know that a whole roasted pig is part of the tradition. I paused at the entrance to say a prayer for the welfare of the pig's spirit.

What REALLY disturbed me, though, was to see at the end of the luau that the pig was still there, untouched! If we're going to kill an animal we can at least have the decency to eat him!

I saw the grill set up outside the SURC so I knew we were roasting a pig, and I saw pork being served. I've been to luaus before, and other special occasions where a whole animal was roasted and served, so I was prepared for this. I know that humans are naturally omnivores, and communally sharing the meat of an animal that has been sacrificed for the benefit of the community is an important part of many cultures. But when I saw the pig still whole and untouched at the end I was horrified! I suspect that the spirits were offended also.

Was that the pig that we roasted? Or was it, as someone suggested, a replica of a roasted pig, intended only for display? If it was a real roasted pig, what was served at the luau? And what was done with the meat of the untouched pig? After sitting out all afternoon it may not have been fit to eat; was it wasted? This would be very wrong in view of all the people who are hungry, and in view of the pig's sacrifice.

Someone else suggested that maybe the meat was carefully removed from the carcass, then the carcass stuffed with straw and sewn up again to appear whole. But what would be the point of that? It would only make it appear that the meat was wasted and the animal's spirit was dishonored. Usually at events I've been to where a whole roasted animal is served, everyone can see the bones at the end; everyone knows what was given so that we could live.

I hope that was a replica and not a real pig. At any rate, I feel that it was in very poor taste (pun intended) to display a whole roasted pig - replica or not - at the end of the event.

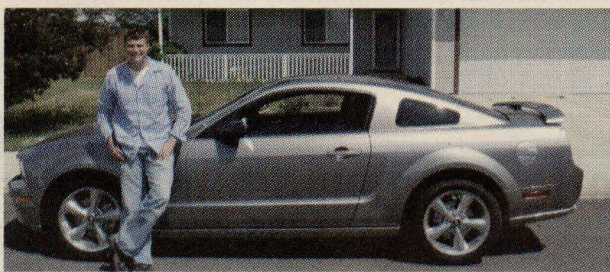
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DEEP THOUGHTS

BY QUINN EDDY | Thinker

MY FRIENDS,

Well this is it.

The last Deep Thoughts that will ever be published in Central Washington University's Observer. Writing is a funny thing. If you've ever taken an English class teachers always trump the power of voice.

A newer generation is brewing that doesn't want to be bored out of their mind when they go to a website.

A new thinker will be announced over the summer as soon as the Deep Thoughts with Quinn Eddy web page is up. I invite you to see what we've been able to do with Adobe software. We will be designing it in terms of what the iPad is capable of. With the iPad, web sites are becoming much more fun to visit.

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and a copyright law.

This summer I plan on going on a road trip with my dad to the Sturgis Mustang Rally and on our way there we will be stopping by interesting places. All while taking cool photos and partying with crazy people.

I'll send a bat signal as soon as the website is up and I invite you to come with me on the road trip via the internet.

Use your talents. That's what they are intended for. I'm good at thinking things through.

You guys should start watching NASCAR.

I'm ready to head back to Issaquah but Phil Kelleher is holding my Mustang ransom. I almost let him

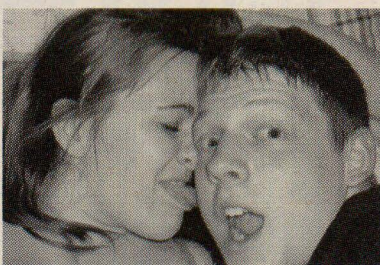
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JEREMY'S JURISDICTION

Losing momentum toward the end?

BY JEREMY VIMISLIK | Opinion Editor

The last few weeks of the school year are always more crazy than usual.

But what is usual? I mean, this quarter I'm taking 18 credits and am holding onto two separate on-campus jobs. My life is always this crazy.

My father is retiring next weekend after 30 years of serving the U.S. Navy. He's a Master Chief. Take that Halo fans. I'm really proud of him and my mom. I mean, moving around every few years and spending holidays apart - that takes true commitment.

Speaking of commitment, my girlfriend, Faith, and I are moving in together this Memorial Day weekend. We're driving up to her house in Whidbey to pick up a lot of stuff for our apartment. We're getting a U-Haul and picking up beds, dressers, lamps, a chair, a cabinet, a big TV, clothes and some other odds and ends. Two weeks ago, we went over to my house in Seabeck (near Bremerton) and loaded up my Subaru Outback with boxes of stuff for our kitchen. My car's been full of flatware and pots and pans ever since, jostling around when I drive to Blockbuster or to friend's houses.

Despite the cost, we decided to go with a two bedroom apartment, because sometimes I procrastinate

and have to do homework during the wee hours of the morning and she says I snore (lies)! Sometimes we just need our space. We're serious, but we don't have tan lines on our fingers yet, so we're being realistic about living together.

We've practically been living together for the last two years anyway, so it won't be a huge change. We started dating in the spring of our freshman year. By a stroke of luck our sophomore year, we were placed right next to each other in Barto Hall. That year we both had two roommates, so it was pretty hit or miss whether or not we could just veg on the couch uninterrupted or actually have some real time alone.

After that year, we really wanted to live off campus and decided to research all the expenses and assemble our plea for moving into a nifty Powerpoint presentation. We had graphs, happy pictures of us and lists of reasons why we dislike living on campus. Faith's parents were all for it, mine were not quite as receptive. Anyway, plans fell through and we lived next to each other in Barto this year. Not that bad though - Barto went from three occupants per room to two occupants, and our roommates are rarely around.

As we prepare to move into our own place, we're excited about how we can't wait to cook extravagant meals, sequentially making our way through cookbooks cover to cover, to dance to Billy Joel in our living room, or to take rose-petal baths together.

Personally, I cannot wait to do things like arrange a candlelit dinner for her when she works late or watch "The Best Thing I Ever Ate" or "Man vs. Food" marathons until we pass out cuddled up in each other's arms on our couch. Alternately, I'm sure she is looking forward to me playing Modern Warfare 2 with my 400-watt speakers on full blast or bumping The Faint's smooth electro-indie trance beats while I'm doing research papers.

We're still deciding between a singing-in-the-rain novelty shower curtain or a curtain with a nightscape of New York City.

We need to stock up on otter pops for the blistering Ellensburg summer weather, too.

I just can't wait to get my own parking spot.

So, while you may be drowning in schoolwork, bills, your job or your applications, remember that it will all be over soon.



Ask Tina Sparkle:

Dear Ms. Sparkle,

It's quite boring in this little town. Is there anything going on that you know of? I mean, you are like E-burg's Celebrity. You should know these things.

Signed, Joe F.

Dear Joe F.,

Actually, there are a few things going on in the coming weeks that are TOTALLY FREE! June 1 is EQuAl's Annual PRIDE Drag show. The amateur show will be on the SURC East patio from noon to 2 p.m., and the professional show will be at 7 p.m. in the SURC ballroom. On June 2 is Queer University in SURC 137A and B, where we will have classes that talk about Queer-related topics, such as my DRAG 101 class, the Diversity Education Center's "I Think I Might Be Straight," and many more from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will be having a guest speaker in the SURC theatre at 7 p.m. on June 3, and June 4 is a day that no one should forget.

On Friday June 4, the CWU Theatre Acting class's annual Rockstar event

takes place at 4 p.m. in the Tower theatre. Rockstar is a show that one of the acting classes puts on. They take on the persona of a rock star of their choice and they show you what they got. This year, I'll be a guest star. I'm trying to encourage as many people as possible to come show their support to our theatre department. They've been working hard to make this show the best yet, so come on down!

Later that day is EQuAl's Ally Prom at 7 p.m. in the Mary Grupe Center. They will have DJ Ness putting on some killer music for a night of celebrating and dancing.

Well Joe, I hope that answers your question, and I hope to see you at these events! I know I'll be there!

LOVE ALWAYS, *Tina Sparkle*



REALationships 101: Friends after the end ...

BY ERICA SPALTI | Online Editor

Oh, this week's topic is a tough one. We have all been through this with an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend. The ever-so-popular question: Can we be friends after we break up? This is so tricky. Personally, I have had this be successful and I have had it backfire. For instance, one of my exes and I can't stand each other. However, another one of my exes and I became best friends after our break up and we recently got back together. Either way, it is never easy to be friends with someone who you used to care about romantically.

Here is what I think: Being friends with your ex can help to fill the void in your life that your he/she once held. You guys will hang out and talk again so you still have that closeness that you think you need and in your mind things will feel the same. However, this is where that head versus heart thing comes into play. Your head tells you it is OK and that you are totally fine with the whole situation, whereas your heart still aches, and clearly your heart is trying to tell

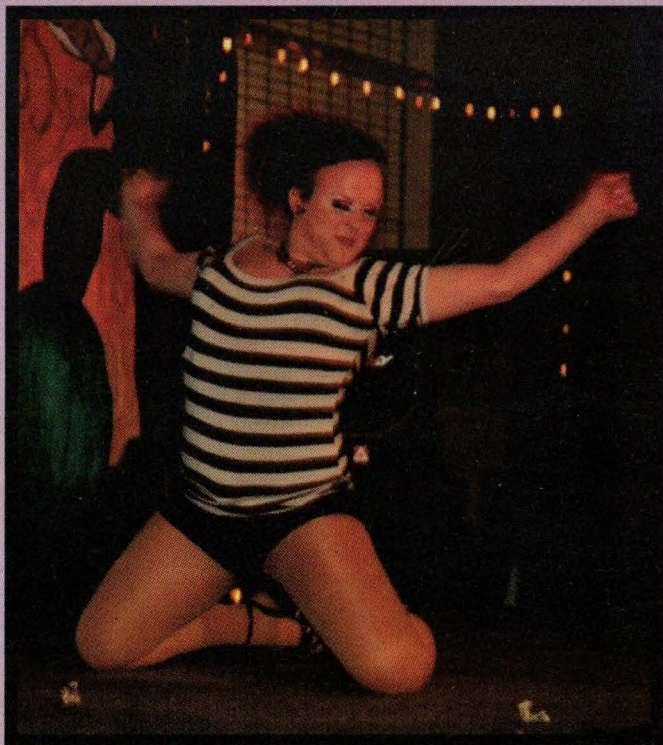
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I can't give you direct advice as to what to do because let's face it - it is hard. I will tell you to be careful and understand that once you become friends he might consider you "one of the guys" and then he would talk to you about the football game, the giant plate of wings he ate and even the new girl he has an interest in. It can be really hard on you, so you really need to prepare yourself for it. However, it could go the opposite way and when you guys hang out he could realize that he still has feelings for you and then it could work in your favor.

Be strong and determine your feelings for one another BEFORE you talk about being friends. Make it clear how you feel and understand how he feels. If you decide to not be friends right away, it's OK! It may just mean that you have to wait awhile to get over your relationship before you jump into friendship. It will all work out for the best!

X O X O . Erica

Don't forget to start saving your one dollar bills to tip the queens at the drag show on June 1! For more info, see page 11.



2009 PROFESSIONAL DRAG SHOW Above left: Drag Queen Aquasha DeLusty performed at last year's professional drag show, put on by GALA-GLBTSA (now EQuAl). Aquasha will be co-hosting this year's professional drag show. Above right: The 2009 GALA-GLBTSA board of directors did a dance off between drag kings and queens during last year's professional drag show. The kings performed to the Backstreet Boys and the queens performed to the Spice Girls.

In June 1969, police raided a New York City gay bar called the Stonewall Inn. Patrons of the bar were subjected to searches to prove their gender and arrested for being in drag. Many who were released stayed in support of their friends and things soon escalated as the beatings started. Members of the gay and lesbian community rioted against the police for several days, which marked the first time gays and lesbians fought against a system that saw homosexuality as a criminal act.

From then on, annual celebrations of that event have been a staple in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community (LGBT). The official celebration of pride is celebrated at the end of June, but because of class scheduling, Central's Equality through Queers and Allies (EQuAl), formally GALA-GLBTSA, is celebrating in the first week of June.

"The reason that we want to continue this is to show our support for the community, as well being part of the community and bringing acceptance and showing love," said Brian Johnson, junior theatre design technician major and EQuAl's social coordinator.

The first event is an amateur drag show from noon to 2 p.m. on June 1 on the SURC East Patio. The winner of the show will be allowed to perform in the professional drag show later that evening. The amateur drag show will

CWU celebrates Pride Week

BY CHRISTINE JAHNS | Senior Reporter

be hosted by Central's own drag queen, Tina Sparkle and Ellensburg's original drag queen, Aquasha DeLusty.

Anyone can participate in the amateur show but participants must e-mail gala@cwu.edu by Friday or at the very latest, Monday morning, with their name, drag name and a list of possible numbers they want to perform.

The professional drag show is later in the evening from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the SURC Ballroom. It will be hosted again by drag queen Jenuwine Beaute and co-hosted by DeLusty.

"Visibility is important, but it doesn't need to be protestors," DeLusty said. "It can be a positive image that everyone can enjoy."

Queer University will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 2 in SURC 137 A and B. Workshops will be held all day to educate people about the LGBT community. Workshops will range from the Diversity Education Center's "I think I might be

straight" and "Safe Space" to Drag 101 with Tina Sparkle, as well as one about stereotypes that surround the bisexual community.

"Compassion, equality, family, giving and that sense of belonging to a community, to a society that is accepting of everybody's flaws and everybody as a whole is what Central is all about," said Andrea Preciado, senior public health and pre-nursing major.

The last hour of the event will be a debriefing for people who have questions or want to get involved with EQuAl. Anyone who wishes to create their own workshop should e-mail gala@cwu.edu by Friday at noon.

Jen Ham from Planned Parenthood will be giving an inspirational speech "The History of Marriage" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on June 3 in the SURC Theatre.

The final events of Central's Pride Week will be the Lavender Graduation at 4p.m. and the Ally Awards Prom

Ceremony, which will be held at 7 p.m. on June 4 in the Mary Grupe Center. EQuAl will be handing out awards to teachers and students who have proven to be allies of the LGBT community.

If you wish to nominate someone for an Ally Award, e-mail gala@cwu.edu by Friday with the name of the nominee and how they have significantly helped the LGBT community. All nominees must be straight.

DJ Ness will be providing the music and people are encouraged to bring food in a potluck style. The dress code is semi-formal, but it will not be strictly enforced.

"EQuAl's motto has always been, especially this time of year, is 'it's not who you love, but how,'" Johnson said.

All of these events are free and open to the public. EQuAl meets on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Black 142. The last Pride planning meeting will be tonight from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. but the planning may start early.

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For more information about Equality through Queers and Allies (EQuAl), visit:

www.cwu.edu/~gala

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What does diversity mean to you?

A moment with CWU organization board members



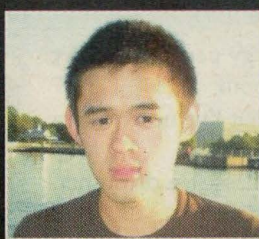
"Diversity is taking the best parts of everyone's cultures and backgrounds and putting it together to create something we can all enjoy as a community."

-TraVonn Thomas,
co-president of BSU
(Black Student Union)



"For me, diversity passes the bounds of ethnicity or socioeconomic identities, but rather a blending of humanity and ideas through the sharing of our lives and experiences."

-David Reynolds
president of NTSO
(Non-Traditional Student
Organization)



"Diversity to me, means recognizing our individual differences such as our ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, age, ideology, and physical abilities. And I feel we should all celebrate and appreciate our diversity."

-Brian Nguyen
president of FASA
(Filipino American Student
Association)



Diversity is "accepting and respecting the uniqueness of every individual and their differences. Advocating equality through exploration of individuals and situations and or circumstances."

-Tiana Koga
Equity and Services Representative
for SAFE
(Sexual Assault Facts & Education)



"Diversity to me means acceptance, acceptance of who you are free of judgment. It's being free to show the true you without fear of judgment."

-Ryann Spaetig
president of ABLE
(Access, Belonging, Learning &
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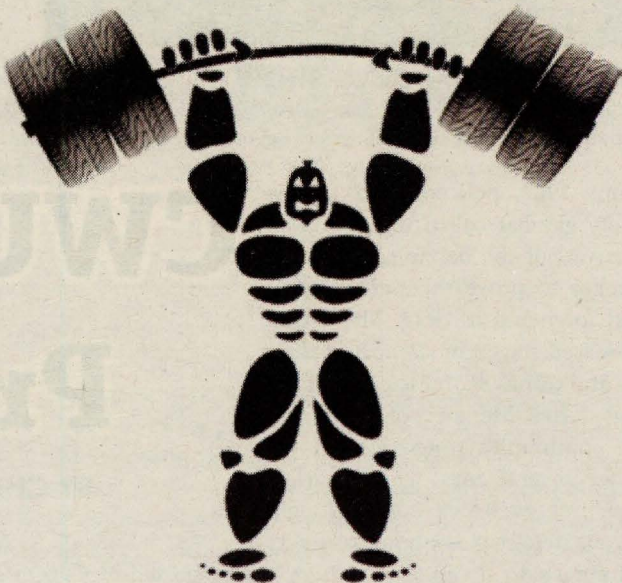
Grooves, grub and gratitude Student Appreciation Day Today

BY LURA TREIBER | Staff Reporter

Today is Student Appreciation Day, it is a day for Central Washington University students to sit back, relax and have some fun. This year's festivities will kick-off at 3 p.m. and will feature two bands, a barbeque and a Strongman competition. "It's just a fun end of the year event," said Philip Horton, junior public relations major and student coordinator for My Dear Disco. All students are encouraged to attend the free events and just take a load off. "Throughout the whole year, students are working really hard," said Liz Rich, junior public relations major and student coordinator for Campus Activities. "A lot of students don't take time for themselves and this is just a way for us to show our appreciation." All activities are free to Central students. To receive food at the barbeque, students must show their connection card.

Central Strongman Competition

Starting off the day will be a demonstration of student brawn in the Central Strongman Competition. The competition will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the East Lawn of the SURC. "Students should be surprised by how good the competitors are," said Eric Scott, coordinator for intramural sports and special events for University Recreation. "It's professional level talent coming from the Central community." This year's events include a log press, farmer's walk, atlas stones, tire flip and sandbag and prowler medley. According to Scott, they will be using bigger and bulkier items, such as a whole car axle, for some of the events this year. In the past they usually just used weight room items.



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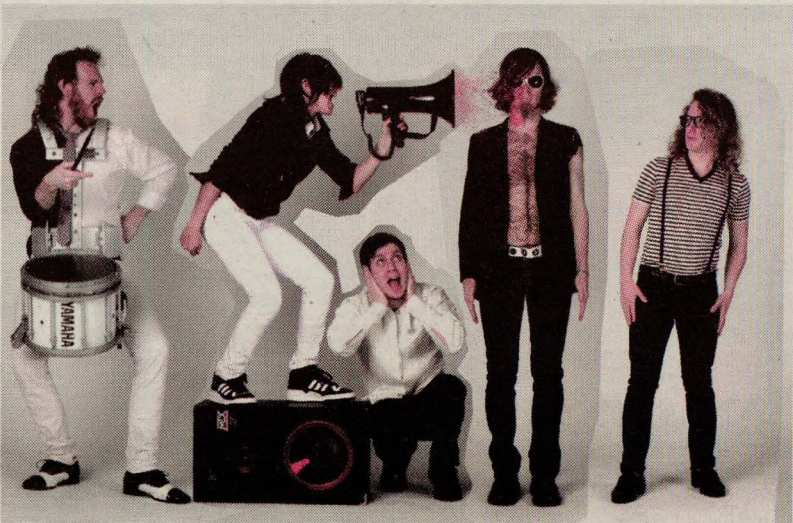


COURTESY OF ROOTDOWN

Rootdown

Starting at 4:30 p.m. on the East Patio of the SURC there will be a performance by the band Rootdown with an accompanying barbeque. Founded in 2007 by Paul Wright, the band released their first album "Rootdown" in 2007. Since then, they have opened for artists such as Pepper and The Wailers. Influenced by the music of Bob Marley, Sublime, Slightly Stoopid and others, the four member group combines pop, reggae and rock to create a sound that is all their own. The band's website provides its own description for the band's style. "Think Beastie Boys meets Beach Boys." They are known for their funky and unpredictable style of performance. They even have been known to play their instruments while lying on the ground. "Their live performance is like a vibrant mood of sunshine," their website said. The event will last until 6 p.m.

My Dear Disco



COURTESY OF MY DEAR DISCO

The third and final event for Student Appreciation Day will be a high energy performance by the band My Dear Disco. The band will perform at 8 p.m. in the SURC Ballroom. "It's rock mixed with electronica," Horton said. "It's kind of a weird mix that I've never really heard, but they make it work. I think it will appeal to students." The band originated in Ann Arbor, Mich. and consists of: two guitarists, a bassist, a drummer, a vocalist and one member who plays both the synthesizer and electric Irish bagpipes. The band members go by the stage names Play, Stop, Record, Eject, Fast-Forward, Rewind and Pause. On their website, their sound is described as "funky" and "soul-healing." It is hoped that their high energy dance music will be a fun ending to a day dedicated to students. "It's a fun thing to do on a Thursday night," Rich said. "They are awesome. They're like rock meets disco meets techno."

Renewable Energy Roundup highlights alternative energy

BY ELIZABETH DEVOS | Staff Reporter
and
AMANDA MILLER | Asst. Scene Editor

Imagine a community that is not dependent on fossil fuels, but instead relies on renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro and solar power.

In an effort to raise awareness about these energy sources, the City of Ellensburg and Puget Sound Energy, in conjunction with several other sponsors, will be hosting the Renewable Energy Roundup and Art Show this weekend.

"Memorial day weekend is the start of the summer driving season," said Steve Verhey, organizing committee chair. This event is "an opportunity for Ellensburg to do what it does best."

Ellensburg's Renewable Energy committee thought this two-day event would be a fun way to kick off the summer driving season while encouraging people to become more aware of renewable energy sources.

These events will "give people an opportunity to think about their energy use," Verhey said.

Renewable Energy Art Show

The events will begin with a gala opening at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Gallery One. Local artists and artists from as far away as California will be featured.

A sing-along featuring the Woodie Guthrie song "Roll on Columbia" will be sung. A mini bar will be open during the gala.

The 20 to 30 pieces of art that will be on display throughout the weekend will resemble renewable art.

According to Michelle Elzinga retail manager at Gallery One, the art that will be on display will be available for purchase. The average price for the pieces will be about \$200.

Gallery One is located at 408 N. Pearl St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Renewable Energy Vehicles (REV's)

Check out the latest energy-efficient vehicles at the REV Corral, at 4th and Pearl from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Children's Activities

Energy Conservation

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, children can participate in games and art projects relating to energy conservation, at the Children's Activity Museum. The museum is located at 118 E. 4th Ave.

Children's Art Education Program

Learn how to create solar-activated "found-object R.O.B.O.T.s" at Gallery One. This event also begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Speakers & Presentations

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, eleven 20-minute presentations, ranging from topics such as "The Bicycle Wind Map Project" to "Rock and Roll vs. the Oil Patch" at Raw Space.

For a complete listing of presentations, visit www.renewableroundup.org/presentation.htm.

"Sweet Crude" - film screening

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, the film "Sweet Crude" will be screened at Raw Space.

"Sweet Crude" is an independent film made by two Seattle filmmakers.

The film, which was featured in the Ellensburg Film Festival this past fall, is about Nigeria, the Niger River Delta and how the oil companies haven't played fair.



COURTESY OF TODD WILLIARD

WILD HORSE WIND FARM Kittitas County's most prominent example of alternative energy is provided by the Wild Horse Wind Farm, located outside Ellensburg. The wind farm, owned by Puget Sound Energy, boasts 127 turbines on 86,000 acres of land.

According to Variety Review, "Sweet Crude [is] a movie about crime and shame ... [and] a classic example of urgent righteous-indignation agitprop cinema that succeeds in being not just angry, but art."

The film screening will be followed by a question and answer session with the producers and directors of the film.

Raw Space is located at 119 E. 4th Ave. For more information about the film, visit www.sweetcrudemovie.com.

1903 Columbia Electric

Check out the 1903 Columbia Electric Car and other early model cars at the Kittitas County Historical Museum.

The Historical Museum is located at 3rd and Pine. For more information, visit the museum's website at www.kchm.org.

Vendors and Displays

Also on Saturday, vendors (including WRAY Electric, Windbreak Construction, D&M Scooters and D&M Coffee) will be providing information regarding

renewable energy. For a complete list of vendors, visit www.renewableroundup.org/booth.htm

Visit the official Renewable Energy Roundup website at:

renewableroundup.org

Renewable Energy Facts

There are five main forms of renewable energy: solar, wind, biofuel and geothermal (heat from the earth).

Enough sunlight falls on the earth in just one hour to meet world energy demands for a whole year.

One wind turbine can produce enough electricity to power up to 300 homes.

Water is the most commonly used renewable energy resource.

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Rachel Mae Band to twang it up at Raw Space

BY JOHN BARAN | Staff Reporter

For those that have been yearning for some original old school honky-tonk music, look no further.

This Saturday the Rachel Mae Band and The Rainieros will be performing at Raw Space at 7 p.m., costing patrons \$5.

According to Rachel Mae, the group is influenced by artists like Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams, and Kris Kristofferson, giving the group a unique and true country twang sound.

"We play real country," said Mae. "the old school kind that I was raised on and these days can be hard to come by."

The group started in Seattle two years ago, but Mae has been playing music since she was very young.

"When I was about five, my daddy use to open-tune his guitar for me and I would entertain his band in between songs while they rehearsed," Mae said.

In April 2010, Mae performed at the Grand Ole Opry, a stage where some

of the largest country performers have played.

"My proudest moment up to this point was singing my song 'Circle on the Floor' on stage at The Grand Ole Opry," Mae said. "experiencing the real thing stole my heart."

Opening on Saturday is another Seattle based country band, The Rainieros.

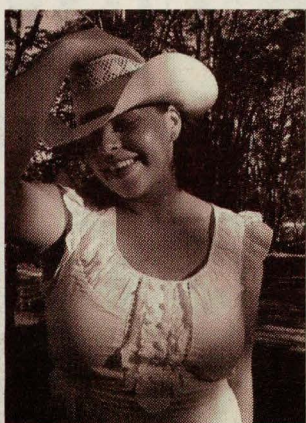
"They (The Rainieros) put on a really good show and our bands work really well together," Mae said. "I'm always pleased to play with those guys."

According to Mae, concert goers will get their money's worth if they attend the show.

"It's the kind of show you can put those dancin' shoes on for," Mae said. "It's sure to be a good time."

Raw Space is located at 119 E 4th Ave.

Tickets will be \$5 at the door.



COURTESY OF RACHEL MAE

Civic Engagement Center recognizes student volunteers

BY TARA KLETTKE | Staff Reporter

On June 1, the Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center (CEC) is recognizing the accomplishments of its volunteers this year. The CEC provides a wide variety of opportunities for students to be involved in service activities. CEC volunteers are involved in activities that help both the on and off-campus communities.

The free Civic Engagement Center "Showcase of Action" is designed to showcase the center's programs and notable student volunteers, as well as to get others involved.

The Showcase of Action will allow students to be exposed to current civic initiatives, and allow for them to be involved in future service opportunities locally and globally. Students will be able to find out about what exactly the CEC is, and how they can get involved.

"The event is important to showcase the Civic Engagement Center's ac-

complishments. Many of our students are providing a lot of work, time and effort to our community and this is an opportunity to really celebrate their accomplishments," Lorinda Anderson, Director of Civic Engagement said.

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LORINDA ANDERSON
CEC Director

The event will feature music from DJ Gunshot throughout the day. A free raffle will also take place during the event, and will feature prizes such as gift certificates to local businesses.

"Most students aren't aware of who we are or what we do, and this is really an opportunity for students to find out

and hopefully get involved," Anderson said.

The event will be held in SURC room 137 A&B from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday June 1.

To check out upcoming CEC service learning activities or to become involved, visit:

www.takeactioncwu.com

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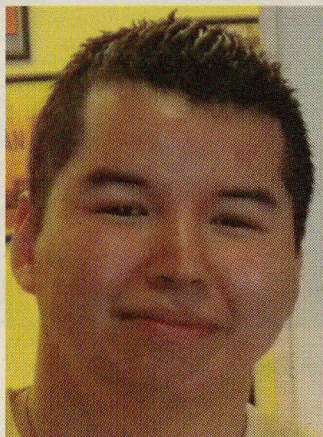
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5 Minutes With... Vincent Ruiz President of M.E.Ch.A. de CWU

BY JOE SAVIDGE | Staff Reporter



Vincent Ruiz is a Law and Justice major.

He is currently the President of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.) organization and served as campaign manager for CWU Student Body President Gabriel Munoz.

Ruiz has one more year of college before he heads to law school.

Q. What got you involved with M.E.Ch.A.?

A. I started off my freshman year. As a student coming to this campus, part of me was trying to belong to organizations, so M.E.Ch.A. was one of the clubs I joined that I am still highly involved with today.

M.E.Ch.A. was one that I could relate to, not only from my own culture's perspective, but also with the leadership roles it brought within the community.

I can relate to a lot of high

school students that are trying to make it to college but that don't have that push forward getting to college.

Q. What does the group do on campus and in the community to promote diversity?

A. We have dealt with food banks, helping those that are less fortunate than us. We've put on programs for arts and crafts materials for kids. I even, a few years ago, dressed up as Santa Claus. Sad to say, the Santa costume was about 4XL so they had to stuff me with pillows. To see those younger faces - I'm so pleased to do this because there are less fortunate [children] out there that don't get those opportunities.

Q. You recently did a protest against Arizona's new immigration law. How did that go?

A. Some people may say, "It was just an immigration march." I would say no, because what we're standing for is the civil rights of individuals. We do acknowledge that it is racial profiling.

I even know what it is to be stopped and have a police officer not even say hello at first, but for him to say, "What gang do you claim?"

I just figured, if we don't step up to the plate and say something, then there are so many other laws that will be put in place.

One of the main goals for the march was to have students active, whether it is in their community, through legislation work, or through voting. 18-24 year olds make up the majority of the population, but they're not voting.

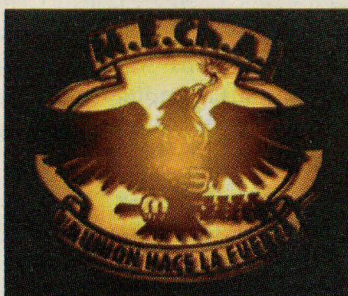
Q. Do you have any human-rights activists you especially look up to?

A. First and foremost, MLK is one of my biggest ones. I'm reading his autobiography right now. I believe in the quote, "Injustice to one is injustice to all." For him to use a non-violent approach and the methods of Ghandi... it's very interesting to see his perspective on it. It gave people that opportunity of hope, that they do have a voice.

And the second one is Cesar Chavez. He helped the betterment of farm workers' rights.

For more information about M.E.Ch.A de CWU, visit

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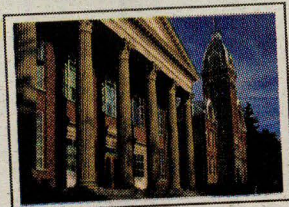
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RYAN RICIGLIANO

2009 SASQUATCH FESTIVAL Last year's Sasquatch Music Festival, which featured Kings of Leon, Animal Collective, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and of Montreal, sold out all three days.

Sasquatch Festival kicks off on Saturday

BY ILA DICKENSON | Staff Reporter

Each day this Memorial Day weekend, 25,000 people will gather at the Gorge Amphitheater in George, Wash. to watch 85 bands and a dozen comedians perform at one of the country's preeminent outdoor concert venues.

Tickets for the Sasquatch music festival sold out in just a couple of weeks this year - faster than ever before, said Sasquatch publicist Jaime Rosenberg. Rosenberg said people were so eager due to the concert lineup put together by Adam Zacks.

This year's festival features big-name bands like My Morning Jacket, Massive Attack, Ween, and Public Enemy. Comedy Central Presents star Mike Birbiglia and Patton Oswalt of the sitcom "King of Queens" will also be doing comedy sets.

The festival traditionally features the kind of indie bands and up and coming artists that are popular at 88.1 "The 'Burg," the radio station that gave away three coveted pairs of tickets to this year's concert. Because of the massive demand for the tickets, the station gave away tickets to people who could answer obscure music trivia questions.

"There was a huge response," said core staff assistant Robert Nelson, who organized the give-away. "Within five minutes each time we [had a give-away], 30 people would call."

Senior psychology major Brittany Thompson was one of the ticket winners.

"I'm really excited," Thompson said. "A lot of my favorite bands are playing in the same venue."

Thompson has been to the last three Sasquatch festivals, and says she enjoys the whole weekend experience, which includes camping and partying in addition to the all-day music.

"I look forward to Memorial Day weekend each year, just because of Sasquatch," Thompson said.

New to the festival this year will be late night dance parties at the Honda Bigfoot Solar Stage after the last show on the main stage Saturday and Sunday nights. Saturday's party will feature Deadmau5 and Sunday's will feature Booka Shade.

The 2010 Sasquatch music festival partners are working to go green by offering carpool incentive programs and by powering the festival entirely by wind. Esurance will be offering free swag to everyone who signs up to carpool. Esurance is also giving away upgraded parking permits to the first 100 cars filled to capacity, encouraging concert goers to save fuel and travel together.

The 2010 Sasquatch will be run entirely by wind power and will be certified carbon neutral according to the festival website. In addition, Honda is sponsoring a program to offset carbon emissions produced by staff, talent, and festivalgoer fuel

consumption. Honda is funding projects in the Pacific Northwest through an energy firm called Carbon Harmony. The group will support projects that convert methane gas from animal waste on local dairy farms into clean electricity.

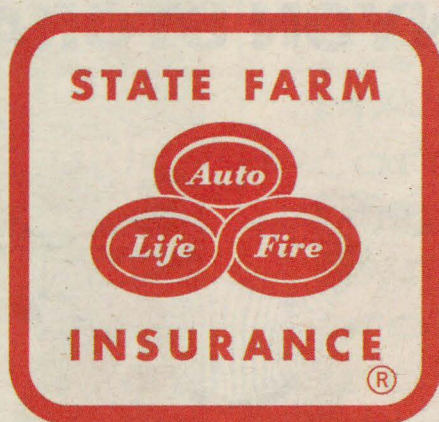
Festival attendees can expect partly cloudy skies all weekend with high temperatures in the upper 60s mid 70s according to weather.com. Make sure to wear plenty of sunscreen to avoid coming home with a festival sunburn.

The Sasquatch Survival Guide

BY RYAN RICIGLIANO | Asst. News Editor

- **Wear layers.** Remember, this is Central Washington. Weather-wise, prepare for anything. Memorial Day weekend can bring rain, snow and intense heat - sometimes all in one day. A one dollar rain poncho works wonders and it's smart to pack a sweatshirt.
- **Pack smart.** More than likely, you'll be watching 12 hours of music (and partying for God knows how many more). The Gorge allows food in clear containers so throw together a few sandwiches or a bag of trail mix. They also allow empty or factory-sealed water bottles so get creative with your booze smuggling.
- **Hydration is key.** Drink plenty of water. You're in it for the long haul, so don't go popping three of those green pills from the shirtless raver with saucer pupils. And if things do get a bit too intense, remember, there's always the chillout tent.
- **Get there early.** If you're camping you have to brave the long line just to get in. The parking line is even longer. Then there's the ticket line. Give yourself at least an hour and half to get through these. The show starts promptly at noon and at roughly \$76 a day, you don't want to miss a single set.

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The Exceptional Brew

Indian Brown Ale: My favorite beer - for reals!

BY DAVID GUZMAN | Scene Editor



What's my favorite beer of all time?
For this final installment of the Ex-ceptional Brew (at least for this quarter), allow me to let you in on an exciting, criminally underrated beer that just so

happens to be number one on my list of yumtacular beers.
The holder of this title: Indian Brown Ale by Dogfish Head Craft Brewery in Milton, Delaware. I was able to find this bottle of joy at Happy's Market here in Ellensburg, though any beer vendor worth its weight in barley malt will most likely carry it.
Dogfish Head has an amazing repertoire, all of which is listed on their website, dogfish.com (check it out). These guys tackle everything from traditional lagers to fruit/beer combinations to traditional barleywine. As far as I'm concerned, Indian Brown easily beats them all.
Why do my tastebuds (nearly literally) swoon over this brew? You see, I like complexity in my art. This beer is the very definition of that very word.

Indian Brown is not satisfied with being merely an extra-hoppy IPA, or a maltacious brown ale, or a beefy, brawny scotch ale. This beer is all three. At the same time. Complexity. Dig it!
In theory, this sounds like a pretty confuzzling combination. The idea of mixing together three different micro-brews with widely dissimilar qualities is basically insane.
Indian Brown succeeds in the fact that not only are all three taste sensations easily distinguishable, none of them overpower each other. It's a great, balanced beer for people who can't decide between crazy hops or crazy malt.
At 7.2 percent ABV (on par with Iron Horse's Irish Death), Indian Brown packs an alcoholic punch, but it's still a relatively easy drinking experience - especially concerning all the various

flavors that can be tasted.
PLEASE pour Indian Brown in a glass. Drinking this beer right out of the bottle is like serving filet mignon on a styrofoam plate. Take in the sweet, floral scent, the dark, caramel color and the tan head that will not, will not die. It's beautiful.
If you're feeling adventurous and want to truly enjoy a beer the same way you'd enjoy your favorite gourmet food, give this one a try.
Indian Brown gets me nearer to the point in my life where I could die a happy man. Once Dogfish creates an Indian Brown lip balm, then I finally can.
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Read more "Exceptional Brew!" Visit my blog:
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Central's Concert Calendar

- 27 7 p.m. Wind Ensemble Concert - concert hall
- 28 noon Kairos Quartet Noon Recital - recital hall
- 28 7 p.m. Guitar Ensemble Recital - recital hall
- 1 11 a.m. Annual Memorial Day Celebration - recital hall
- 1 7 p.m. Ellensburg School Orchestra Program - concert hall
- 2 7 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Concert - concert hall
- 2 7:30 p.m. Emily Cronin's senior voice recital - recital hall

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EAT THIS!

Morelli's Cafe Italiano
soothes with soup

BY BRITTANY SCOTT | Staff Reporter



BRITTANY SCOTT

This week's bizarre weather, with its torrential downpour and gusts of bone shaking wind, made me ache for some hot soup. Naturally, with this in mind I headed down Main Street to the Soup Bowl for some chicken noodle soup to heal my soul.

As I walked towards the building something stopped me, I turned and saw a sign next door at Morelli's Café Italiano for their daily special, cheesy bacon broccoli soup. I clearly had to investigate this place further.

As I pulled open the heavy squeaky door I was immediately hit with an amazing aroma of spices and was pleasantly surprised to see Morelli's upscale ambiance.

The special included a chicken bacon panini with a cup of their soup of the day for roughly \$12.

Craving a good bowl of soup I felt overly critical as the waiter set the bowl of cheesy broccoli in front of me.

My first and last bite of this awe-inspiring soup all blurred together. The soup was beyond amazing. It was loaded with potatoes, broccoli, cheese, and bacon and just tasted homemade.

After I inhaled the soup, the waiter brought over an amazing smelling panini grilled to perfection, which was loaded with chicken, bacon, artichoke hearts, spinach and cheesy alfredo sauce.

I could not believe such a wonderful Italian restaurant had been sitting under my nose for so long. Everything from the plaid tablecloths to the family run staff and amazing food made me want to come back again and again.

Who needs chicken noodle soup to heal your soul when you can have cheesy bacon broccoli soup to make your day?

Morelli's Café Italiano is located at 423 N. Main St.
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The Sounds of Sasquatch!

"This is Happening":
at their finest LCD Soundsystem

BY RYAN RICIGLIANO | Asst. News Editor

James Murphy is like the Brett Favre of hipsterdom. As the co-founder of DFA Records and mastermind behind LCD Soundsystem, Murphy has managed to stay relevant and hip in a blogosphere-dominated music scene that lives and dies by the next band-of-the-week.

LCD Soundsystem's latest disc, "This is Happening," is arguably the group's strongest and finds Murphy at the top of his game as both a producer and a lyricist. The nine track outing features a range of electro-heavy danceable rhythms that serve as the backdrop for Murphy's sometimes insightful, but always entertaining lyrical musings.

The album starts off strong with the nine-minute barn burner "Dance Yourself Clean." Building on a quiet, simple keyboard line, the song explodes into a full-blown dance anthem at the 3:10 mark and never looks back. "Wait until the weekend and we can make our dreams come true," Murphy sings over an amplified version of the song's opening riff.

From there the album veers into the lead single, "Drunk Girls," a groovy, frantic tune that finds Mur-

phy musing over the cooler-than-thou Brooklyn indie scene. From the back-and-forth courtship of bar hoppers ("Drunk girls cause a couple of heart attacks") to the inevitable wait for the bathroom ("Drunk girls wait an hour to pee"), Murphy perfectly

and insecurities that come with aging. He sings about many of the same issues as his contemporaries, but this aging hipster manages to capture them in an un-ironic way.

What he started with 2007's "All My Friends" Murphy continues here with "All I Want." While the former served as a retrospective for times gone by and loves lost, the latter finds Murphy looking at what he wants from life now. "And all I want is your pity, oh all I want are your bitter tears," croons Murphy over a distorted mess of guitars and keyboards. Yet, the genius here is that it's not trite or worn. When this guy sings it, you're onboard.

And that's what amazing about LCD Soundsystem today. They've consistently managed to remain tuned in to the smallest intricacies of 20-something life, while doing everything they can to distance themselves and make fun of it.

Their live show is every bit as good as the record experience and with a 7 p.m. set time on Sunday, there's no reason you shouldn't be dancing to the groovy rhythms of this band.



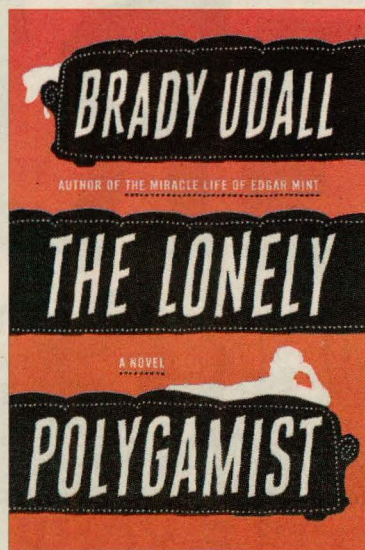
captures the absurdity of a night out on the town. Think this year's "Daft Punk is Playing at My House."

Yet, beneath the sneer lyrics, he's getting at something more. He's reaching at the insights that come with 4 a.m. comedowns and staggering home as the sun comes up. For the 40-year-old Murphy, LCD Soundsystem has always served as a vehicle for dealing with the pressures

Some people still read.

"Lonely Polygamist" a riveting, relatable read

BY DAVID GUZMAN | Scene Editor



The Lonely Polygamist tells the story of Golden Richards, a frazzled father of four wives and 28 children (whose names he repeats to himself like a soothing mantra, when things get stressful).

Richards is a guy with a lot of issues - he's got a thing for a lady who lives next to his workplace (because four women just isn't enough) and one wife questioning her marriage to him, on top of various other stressful family situations. But author Brady Udall is sure to inject enough ridiculous situational comedy to keep the book from being a totally somber affair.

Although Richards' situation is hardly relatable to most of us, the main themes - balancing home, work life and society's demands - are quite normal.

Available in hardcover only, Polygamist is a very large, scary-looking book, at about 600 pages. Do not let this scare you away, especially if you are a fan of stories with complex characters, issues that hit home, and a flair for wicked dark comedy.

The Lonely Polygamist, listed on Amazon's list of Best Books of the Month for May, is available at your favorite seller of above-decent literature.

Cinematic Musings

MacGruber: So bad, it's actually sort of good

BY CHRISTINE JAHNS | Senior Reporter

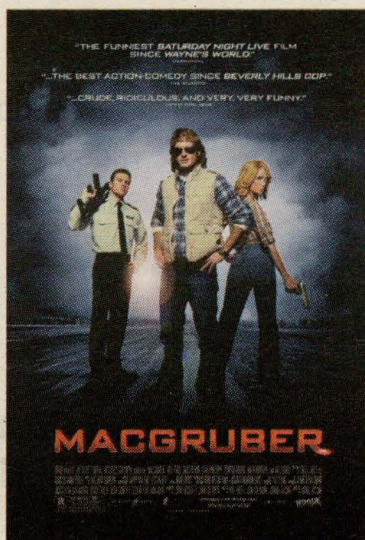
Based on the dim-witted Macgyver-esque Saturday Night Live character, "MacGruber," directed by Jorma Taccone, follows the ex-special forces officer MacGruber (Will Forte) as he comes out of retirement to locate a nuclear warhead stolen by his arch nemesis, Dieter Von Cunth (Val Kilmer).

If you decide to watch this 90-minute film based on a two-minute sketch, go in with low expectations. I was not expecting much when I entered the theater and I was pleasantly surprised when the movie was

actually funny. The characters were over the top and the action was outrageously ridiculous, but it all made the movie hilarious.

Of course as the film progressed, the jokes became a little too raunchy and they seemed to use more profanity simply because they could. Towards the end there were still some funny parts, but I was ready for the end.

The character of MacGruber was also a little too much for me. He was an idiot and I never really cared what he did. I was more interested in his team, Vicki St.



Elmo (Kristen Wiig) and Lt. Dixon Piper (Ryan Phillippe).

Wiig is hilarious as MacGruber's sidekick and I found myself wanting to see more of her character than any of the others.

Phillippe was also able to hold his own in a genre he normally stays away from. He did play a character similar to many he has played in the past, so it wasn't much of a stretch for him, but I still commend him on his performance.

Kilmer played a great villain, well, as far as action-comedy villains go. His character's last

name provided a few one-liners. "Time to pound some Cunth" anyone?

Overall, this film provides a decent amount of comedy and hopefully that can get you through the not-so-good moments. I would recommend this to anyone over the age of 17 who doesn't really want to think at all during the movie.

For showtimes at the Grand Meridian Cinema, visit:

www.ellensburgmovies.com

CWU wakeboarding splashes into 3rd at nationals

BY KATHARINE LOTZE | Asst. Photo Editor

In their first-ever national appearance, Central's collegiate wake sport team boarded their way to third place at the national collegiate USA Wakeboard competition, May 13-16.

"I think we did really well," said team member Eddie Roberts. "Our goal going into it was to place top four and we did it."

Central finished in a tie for third place with the University of Wisconsin. Second place went to Kentucky State, while Chico State came in first, which the Wildcats were able to defeat at the regional competition. There were nine teams total at the national competition. Chico State's win marks the first time that a West Coast school has taken first place in the competition.

"The competition as a whole was really good, even though we had to ride last every day," said Sean Harris, a member of the national men's team.

The team sent seven athletes to San Diego, California for the weekend competition. Aside from Roberts and Harris, the team consisted of two women, Austyn Squire and Kodie Trinidad and three men, Brett Lund, Ryan Cearly and Nick Haisch.

The event was covered by the CBS college sports network as part of the collegiate alternative sports program. The competition is set to air on June 19 on CBS.

Wake boarding is scored like a wrestling match. For the men, each team has an A, B, C and D rider, who board in heats against another team's corresponding rider. For the women, each team has an A and B rider who compete accordingly. The men's competition also includes a wake skater.

"It was the best I'd ever seen everybody ride. It was really consistent," Roberts said, the team's "A" male rider.

In addition to winning all of his heats in the team competition and helping CWU to their third place finish, Roberts made it to the second round of semi-finals in the individual achieve-



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NATIONAL COMPETITION Above: Sophomore Ryan Cearly straps on his bindings on the deck while senior Tim Coleman films from the pick-up boat. Below: Eddie Roberts throws a trick called a crow-mobe, (toe side front flip 360) landing it for the first time in the competition.

ment. Roberts was one of only two riders who competed individually for the Wildcats. Club president Brett Lund competed individually as well, but did not advance to the second round of semi-finals.

Prior to the national competition, the wake sport team held a wake boarding video premier featuring their own tricks, to raise money to go to California. The university also contributed funds to their trip.

"We're the club that now gets the third most funding. It's rugby, rodeo, then us," said freshman rider Austyn Squire.

The team is looking forward to next year and is interested in hosting the regional competition in Washington State.

"Right now, before we've even started the planning process, we're probably about 78 percent sure that we could pull something like that off," Roberts said.



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Team members agree that although traveling is fun, they would like to have a competition that is near the university so that more students can attend. Roberts reports that as many as six Central students drove to San Diego for the national competition.

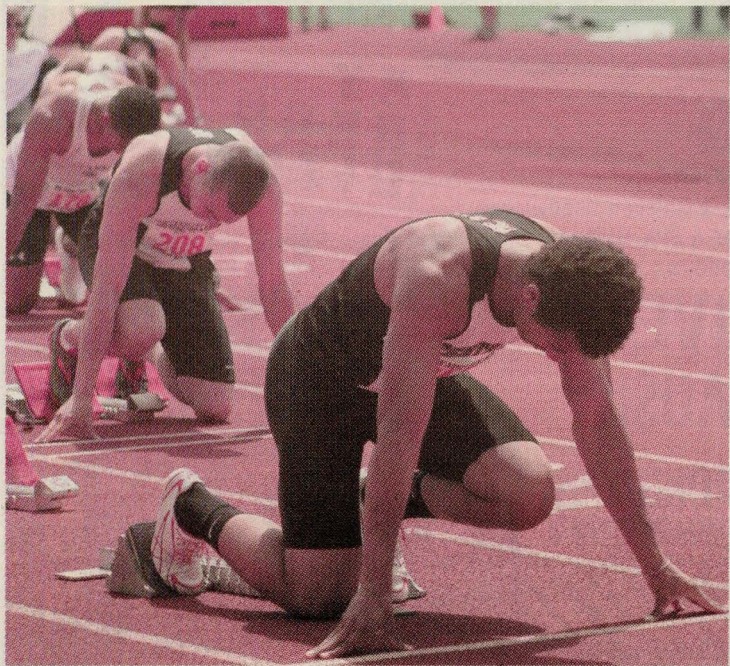
"I'm excited because we have

Eddie and Thomas to coach us through the summer, and we didn't get that last year because we're freshman on the team," Squire said.

After finishing the year with a team victory at regionals and a first-ever national appearance, the team is looking forward to next fall's regional competition.

They look to defend their regional title and return to the national competition where they hope to win the title.

"There's really a lot of talent coming up, and they've surprised me with the things they can do," Roberts said. "There's going to be a lot of competition for the national team next year."



KATHARINE LOTZE

CONFERENCE RACE Freshman Anthony Wright and Sophomore teammate Kincaid Nichols set in their blocks for the final race of the 200-meter dash at the GNAC Championship meet. Wright took first followed by Nichols in second.

Track travels to NCAA Nationals

BY JAKE ABBOTT | Sports Reporter

Wright, Self and Fischer travel to Charlotte, N.C. for Outdoor Track and Field Championships

Central Washington University is sending three student athletes across the country to compete in the 2010 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Charlotte, N.C. The talented trio consists of two throwers and one sprinter.

Senior Tyler Fischer will be competing for his second time in the hammer throw at nationals, his third appearance overall. All year Fischer has been training hard with his teammates to better his skills as a thrower. Competing on a weekly schedule has definitely improved his performance. This year, he is heading into the national championships ranked 16th in the nation for the hammer throw event, with hopes of being a two-

time All-American. Fischer's personal best in the hammer throw is 189' 10" (54.67 meters).

"Earning All-American honors would be a great cap to my college career," Fischer said. "I need to stay calm, focused and in a state of mind to throw far."

In his freshman year, Fischer finished 17th in the hammer throw. In 2008, he earned All-American honors by finishing fifth in the discus with a throw of 173' 10".

"I would love to move up in the rankings and finish on a high note," Fischer said.

Junior Torrie Self will also be competing in the hammer throw at the national championships. Self's best throw this year is 179' 4" (54.67 meters) which she accomplished at the Western Washington Twilight in Bellingham.

**"NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS"
CONTINUED ON P.23**

Softball players selected to regional first team

Hauptert, Hadenfeld earn player and pitcher of the year honors

BY KEVIN PROCTOR AND ERIC HUNTER | Sports Editor and Reporter

Coming off their best season in school history, the 2010 Central Washington University softball team added to their historic season last week with GNAC honors.

Four players were selected to the Daktronics Division II All-West Region first team. The four players picked were junior first baseman Kelsey Hauptert, junior pitcher Lauren Hadenfeld, junior short-stop Samantha Petrich and senior outfielder Danielle Monson.

Highlighting the honors are Hadenfeld and Hauptert. Hauptert, who also received the GNAC Newcomer of the Year award, earned Player of the Year for the All-West Regional team. On the year, Hauptert batted .353 with 18 home runs and 65 RBI for CWU. Her 18 home runs led the entire region.

Hadenfeld also added to her



#37 Lauren Hadenfeld

-Daktronics Division II All-West Region Co-Pitcher of the Year

-GNAC Pitcher of the Year

-All-West Region First Team

-School Record 24 wins and 207 Strikeouts



#5 Kelsey Hauptert

-Daktronics Division II All-West Region Player of the Year

-All-West Region First Team

-Region Leading 18 Home Runs

-Conference Leading 65 RBI

collection of honors by taking home the GNAC Pitcher of the Year Award, as well as earning the West Region Co-Pitcher of the Year award. She finished the season with a 24-6 record, leading the region with 207 strikeouts and posting a 2.26 ERA. Her 24 wins this year set a school record.

Petrich and Monson were also both rewarded for their record breaking seasons by being selected to the All-West Region first team.

Monson finished the year with a .511 batting average, which ranked third best in the entire nation. Her 40-game hitting streak

broke the NCAA Division II record, and her 96 total hits broke school and conference records.

Monson had an equally impressive 2010 campaign, racking 16 home runs and 64 RBI. She ranked second in the conference in doubles, home runs and RBI, while also posting the fourth

highest batting average in the conference.

As a team, CWU set numerous school records across the board. It was the first 40-win season for the softball team, finishing the year at 40-15 overall. The Wildcats also finished the year setting eight new single season team records, including batting average (.337) home runs (50), runs scored (312), and runs batted in (284).

Central capped off their 2010 season with a NCAA Division II postseason appearance, where they finished one win shy of a regional championship. The NCAA postseason birth was the first in school history.

Central also finished ranked in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II Top 25 for the first time in school history.

Strongman competition pumps up Central today

BY MIKE REED | Sports Reporter

Make way for the third annual strong man competition tomorrow from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the recreation center lawn.

Last year's strong man competition was a smashing success. The event included two different weight divisions for men and one division for women. Each separate division competes in five intense events the tire flip, truck pull, farmers walk, atlas stones and log press.

There were a total of 24 participants that put their sweat and tears into the competition to prove once and for all, who is the strongest man.

Last year, there were a total of 12 participants in the men's light-weight division.

In the tire flip event each contender must flip as many tires as they can as fast as they can (limit ten). The winner of the tire flip was Benjamin Rice with a time of 30.87 sec. The winner of the truck pull event was junior Nathan King, with a time of 16.62.

Winner of the farmers walk was Benji Ehlers with a time of 14.09. In the farmers walk, the contestants carry 200 pounds in each hand and walk as far as they can (limit 100 ft). There was a five way tie in the atlas stones event, with each of the five competitors scoring six stones. In the long press event, King and Timothy Lee both tied for first with 14 reps.

"We've been trying to get our conditioning up (instead of bulking up) and a lot of people don't realize that is what's important," King said.

First place overall in the light-weight division went to Lee with 38 total points. The event turned out to be a success as students eagerly watched the contestants

master each discipline.

In the heavyweight division, there were eight competitors:

Coming in first place in the tire flip was Paul Pirone, flipping seven tires in 27.57 seconds. He was followed closely by junior Kellen Hearn, with a time of 28.54 seconds. The truck pull winner was Jeff Bollinger with a time of 15.91. There was another tie for first place in the atlas stones event between Pirone and R. Kelleher, while Jeremy Bulyar finished off the events of the day with ten reps in the log press.

Coming in first place overall for the heavyweight division was Pirone with a total of 31 points followed closely by Hearn with 30.7 points.

In the women's division there were four contenders. Allison McWeeney came in first in both the tire flip and the log press with ten tires in 26 seconds and 10 log reps. Dana Bednarik took first in both the truck pull and atlas stones with a time of 28.90 and a stone count of six. Marit Mork placed first in farmers walk with a time of 17.56, and Allison McWeeney won the overall points title with 17 points total.

"Last year we had about one hundred that stopped by. [The seats] were always full. It's really a spectacular event," said Eric Scott, intramural sport coordinator.

"I think it's going to be the biggest event we've put on here," King said.

Along with the strongman competition there will be other events such as a live band and a barbecue.

"Come out and see who's Central's strongest man with objects you would not normally see," Hearn said.

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Former CWU players take their game indoors

Prince Hall and Jerome Williams sign with Yakima Warriors

BY SHAY MAILLOUX | Sports Reporter



BRIANAN STANLEY

BATTLE IN SEATTLE Left: Senior defensive back Jerome Williams (10) returns an interception for a touchdown against Western Oregon University in the annual "Battle in Seattle" football game last October. Right: Senior linebacker Prince Hall (21) celebrates another defensive stop against Western Oregon.

#10 Jerome Williams

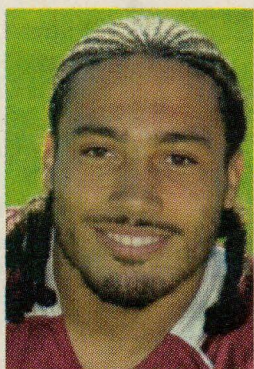
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INT Returned for TD: 1

Passes Defended: 12

Passes Broken Up: 9



What kind of football game doesn't allow linebackers to blitz unless they are running through the A-gap between the offensive center and guard, and also doesn't allow defensive linemen to drop back into pass coverage? Prince Hall and Jerome Williams are learning on the fly and finding out.

Both Hall and Williams recently graduated from Central Washington University, ending their college careers, but their football journeys are not over yet. The two recently began their professional careers with the Yakima Valley Warriors of the American Indoor Football Association (AIFA). The league fields 13 teams, including the Warriors.

Yakima plays in the six team Western conference along with teams such as San Jose, Wenatchee Valley and Wyoming. The Eastern conference consists of seven teams.

For Williams, the transition to this league, where only eight players take the field at one time for each team, has been a learning experience.

"I'm just figuring out everything myself, the rules and everything and how it works. I'm not too familiar with the rules," Williams said.

Williams' confusion is understandable, since he has only played three games so far this season. But like any good player, Williams seems to be catching on quickly. He had one interception in his first game, another called back due to a penalty, and 3 more picks in the Warriors' game on Saturday, including one returned for a touchdown.

Hall has been finding success as well, but not from where you might think. In addition to linebacker duties, Hall has been getting a few carries on offense as a running back. In a recent game against Wyoming, Hall had two carries for 2 touchdowns on of-

fense and 3.5 tackles including a sack on defense. Williams led the team in tackles that game with 4.5.

Although this new style of play is an adjustment so far, Williams is enjoying it.

"Prince Hall could have very easily signed a free agent contract, he was that talented. Jerome is the same way and if he continues to play well in Yakima, hopefully somebody sees him."

BLAINE BENNETT
CWU Head Football Coach

example. Bennett believes that the NFL dream is not out of reach for either of these players.

"Prince Hall could have very easily

#21 Prince Hall

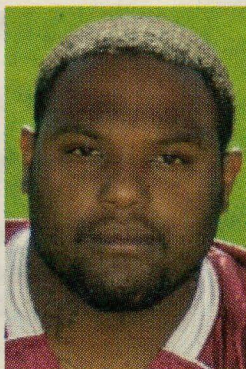
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Interceptions: 3

Passes Defended: 7

Passes Broken Up: 4



signed a free agent contract. He was that talented," Bennett said. "I think Jerome is the same way and if he continues to play well in Yakima, hopefully somebody sees him and he possibly gets into the arena league, then possibly the CFL and then you just never know."

Williams, who played his prep football at Ballard High and was also recruited by colleges such as Montana, Eastern, Idaho State, Washington State and Washington, has stuck with football for a long time and doesn't see himself stopping anytime soon.

"I think it's just something that you love doing. It's just like how everybody has a job that they love doing, when you get on the field you don't have to worry about any other off the field issues," Williams said.

Hopefully that focused attitude combined with dedication will allow Williams and Hall to continue to progress and reach the next level. The CFL and even the NFL are in their sights, and may be real possibilities for both young men someday.

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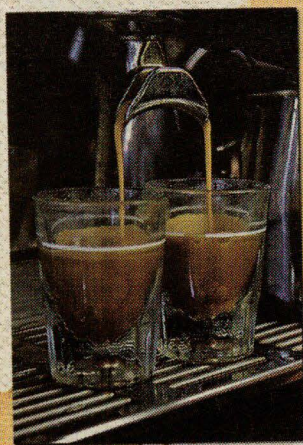
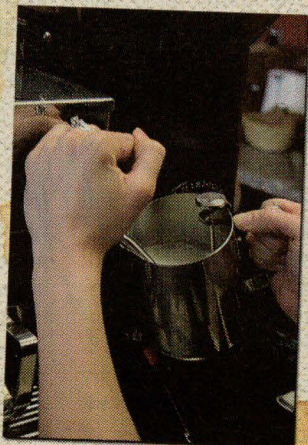
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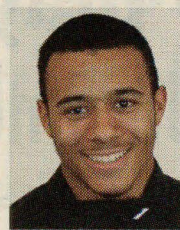
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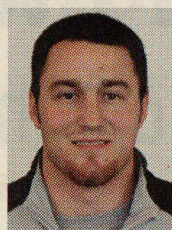
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Athletes of the Week



**Anthony
Wright**



**Tyler
Fischer**



**Torrie
Self**

THE BIG STAGE Qualifying for the Division II National track meet is what every track and field athlete at CWU dreams of. That dream is coming true for three track and field athletes, as they will be competing at Nationals starting today and through Saturday evening.

The trio is made up of freshman Anthony Wright, Senior Tyler Fischer and Junior Torrie Self. Wright will be competing for the first time at the national level in the 100 meter dash, while Fischer and Self will be competing in the hammer throw.

Intramural teams square off in playoffs

BY JON CLEVELAND | Sports Reporter

Every spring hundreds of students turn out for intramural sports. One of the most popular sports at CWU is slow pitch softball. The game is made up of three divisions: competitive, recreation and co-ed. The university offers a league for every skill level. Each division has eight teams that are playing for the number one seed come playoff time.

"It's relaxing, low competitive barriers make it fun and easy to do," said Chris Helmerson, office manager for intramural sports.

Teams play six regular season games before a single elimination playoff format. The prize for the league champions is the coveted intramural t-shirt that students display proudly all over campus.

"I think people just go out there and have fun, care free," said Jonathan Foran, sophomore exercise science major.

The second week of May marks the start of the playoffs. It's one thing to win in the regular season, but to win in the playoffs is a sign of a great team.

The Sunday, Monday and Wednesday competitive division was made up of some hard working teams who were willing to put the time in to get a shot at the championship game.

Team Platypus was a number one seed heading into the playoffs, winning all their regular season games and ending at 6-0, earning them a date with the last place Superblazers. Team Platypus won the game and advanced to the second round of the playoffs to play Team Brose Consecos, who beat Team 2.0 to advance.

Team Stick Bugs, which was tied for second in the regular season, wound up playing Team Sons of Pitches to see who would advance to the second round of playoff competition. The Stick Bugs came through with a win, advancing to the next round.

The last two teams trying to make it to the second round of the playoffs were the Black Sox and T-Thom-Ak Die. T-Thom-Ak Die came up with the win and four teams were left after

one round of play: Team Platypus, Stick Bugs, Brose Consecos and T-Thom-Ak Die.

On May 19 Team Brose Consecos squared off against team Platypus. Team Platypus won the game, assuring themselves a spot in the semi-finals.

Team Stick Bugs faced off against T-Thom-Ak Die in the pouring down rain to see who would face Team Platypus.

The Stick Bugs won and will meet team Platypus in the semi-finals. Whoever wins the semi-final game will play in the championship game against the best team in the Thursday competitive league.

By the end of May, a new champion will be crowned and it's anyone's guess who is going to walk home with a championship T-shirt.

May also brought the start of the Spring Basketball tournament. The tournament is made up of two divisions, competitive and co-ed. Competition kicked off on May 17 and will run until June 3.

"We don't have enough facilities to run a full league this quarter because we had so many other sports. We had to use the courts we had to do a tournament at the end," Helmerson said.

The double elimination tournament brings out some of the most talented players at Central who come to show off their skills and play competitive basketball. There are two leagues with eight teams competing in each.

In the competitive division, the Dingle Bears and the Undisputed Champs picked up first round wins, forcing the Columbia Kings and Do You Wanna Pho into the loser bracket.

In order for his team to win the double elimination tournament, senior economics major DeAndre Shaw believes teamwork is essential.

"We have to work well as a team and play defense," Shaw said.

On June 3, there will be two crowned champions, one from each league. These two teams will rock the coveted Intramural Champion T-shirt.

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Along side Fischer, Self has been hard at work all season and is preparing to compete at her highest level.

"I'm focused, but excited," Self said. "I know what I need to do and how I need to perform."

This will be Self's first appearance at the Outdoor National Championships. Self is currently ranked 11th in the country in the hammer and has hopes of earning All-American honors. To earn All-American status, Self will need to finish in the top eight.

"These are the best girls in the nation right now," Self said. "I want to keep working hard and hopefully inspire incoming freshmen to possibly

pick up the hammer."

On the track, freshman sprinter Anthony Wright will be competing in the 100-meter dash at the National meet. Wright has been dominant all season in his event, taking first nearly every time on the track. Wright all season ran the 100 meter in the mid to high 10-second mark and posted his previous personal best of 10.65 seconds before the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). During the Conference meet, he pushed through the competition to get his lifetime best mark of 10.43. That time secured him into the Nation meet where he is currently ranked sixth in the nation.

The trio left on Tuesday and will compete Thursday through Saturday at Irwin Belk Complex, located at the Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC.



KATHARINE LOTZE

JUMP AROUND Senior Raquel Gonzalez finished seventh in the 400 meter hurdles, followed by teammate and fellow senior Amanda Rose, in eighth place.

Bad bounces one reason for
Mariners' downfall

BY MATTHEW CARSTENS | Sports Reporter



Baseball is a game of chance. Sure you need talent and good baseball players to win games, however it's definitely not all that you need. You need the baseball gods to like you and there is no doubt that the Mariners pissed someone off along the way.

One of the easiest ways to see if a hitter has been lucky or not is to look at what is called Batting Average on Balls In Play (BABIP). This takes out home runs and strikeouts so that you can see how often a player's batted balls are falling in for hits or being caught for outs.

We've all seen instances where a hitter can't catch a break. The players hit the ball on the nose over and over again, but it is always right to a fielder. Or it seems like the other team puts their gold gloves on when that particular hitter is up to bat and they make spectacular plays. A hitter can't control what the opposing defense does to his hits, so judging him solely by his batting average is not always the fair thing to do.

This also goes the other way. Sometimes every little dinky hit falls in and a hitter you'd normally recognize as below average suddenly seems like the best player in the league. But no matter what end of the spectrum you're on, it is not sustainable. The law of large number says that eventually it will average out and it always does.

To see if someone is having an up or down year,

luck wise, look at their career BABIP and compare to that particular year. The league average is usually around .290 to .300, but every player is different.

As you might assume, the Mariner's have been particularly unlucky this year. They have five players that are hitting below their career BABIP averages. For instance, take Chone Figgins. Last year was an ok year for Chone and it had a lot to do with his .356 BABIP. Unfortunately, that number is only .261 this year. Those line drives are being caught this year, where as last year, they were falling in all over the place. Here's a table of the other players that are struggling:

Player	Batting AVG	Career BABIP	2010 BABIP
Ken Griffey Jr.	0.191	0.287	0.228
Chone Figgins	0.200	0.338	0.261
Jose Lopez	0.211	0.282	0.237
Rob Johnson	0.180	0.248	0.214
Casey Kotchman	0.196	0.272	0.205

When you have that many players struggling that bad, it is extremely hard to score runs, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. You can make an argument that Griffey is done and Johnson might really be that bad, but you still have too many players hitting well below their career averages. But that will regress positively; the math says it will.



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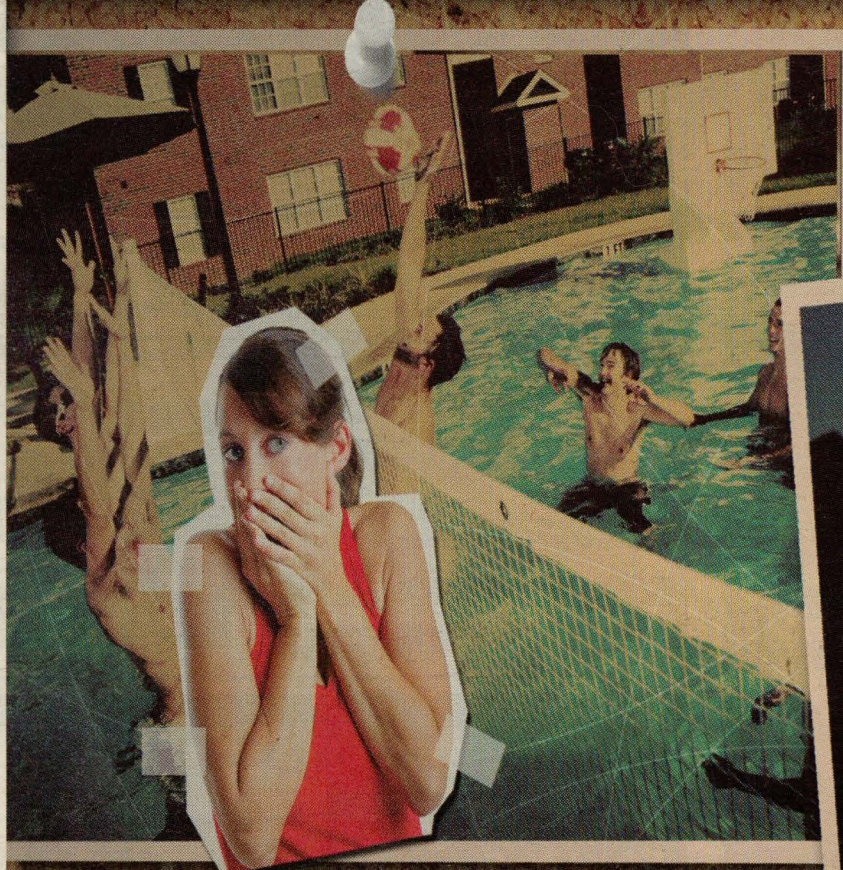
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